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HANS PETER 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 — Hans Peter is P — 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: P2a4b1 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 Peter (P).

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 P1 follow P and come before P2. All persons whose designation is or starts with P2 come before P3. And so forth.

You may also notice prefix codes on certain persons in this book. This is my line, Hans Peter is my 5G GF and is identified that way. His son Philip (P4) is my 4G GF, his son Peter (P4a) my 3G GF, his son George Peter (P4a4) my 2G GF and his son John Philip (P4a4d) my GGF.

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Name: **5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P)**[1,2]

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Birth:	abt Dec 1717 Alsace, Germany
Birth Memo:	(baptized 28 Dec 1717)
Death:	bef 7 Aug 1787 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA[3]
Death Memo:	(date will proven)
Father:	6G GF John David Mertz (~1690-<1752)
Mother:	6G GM Veronica Schneider (~1693-~1750)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Hans Peter, son of David and Verena Mertz, was baptized 28 Dec 1717 in Alsace. He arrived America in 1733 on the same ship as his parents, sister Christina and brother Nicholas. He was later listed with David and Nicholas 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, Peter is designated P. (The "D" code is not necessary and is not used.)

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, the latter in a way representing his father Nicholas, recently deceased.

There is a citation in the very early records of the Jordan Reformed Church that on 20 Apr 1740, the Rev John Justus Jacob Birkenstock baptized three children including one of Peter Mertz and wife. This is an interesting citation. I am not aware of any but one Peter Mertz of this era, mine (Hans Peter), in this area; he was about 20. The wife was not named. And I have no clue who the child may have been, as Peter's known children seem to have been born later -- although I do not know their exact birth dates.

However, it is not unreasonable to think the father at this baptism may, in fact, have been Hans Peter. The history of that church describes a situation where a lot of different small congregations existed in the hinterlands of Berks County at that time with none of them well organized and certainly none with a permanent or even regularly scheduled pastor though they may have been served by a traveling minister. Or, maybe people (e.g. Peter) traveled some distance to find a church service from time to time. It is noteworthy that a founder of the Jordan Church was Abraham Votring, Hans Peter's uncle. So he did have some connection there.

Discrepancies

There is an Alsace church record giving a 28 December 1717 baptism for Peter, son of Hans David and Verena. But Hans Peter was reportedly 13 3/4, according to the captain's list of passengers, on arrival in America in late Sep 1733 indicating a birth date of about

December 1719, a discrepancy demanding some analysis -- was that a typo or did the first Peter die and a second son was given the same name (not unheard of)?

I have discussed this at some length with Justin Houser, a fellow descendant of Hans Peter, who, like me, is a careful and analytical researcher. Justin and I agree that the best guess is that the captain probably wrote 15 3/4 for Hans Peter and it was mis-transcribed. The idea that a 5 was mis-read as a 3 is easily within the realm of the possible.

The captain definitely liked his fractions and used them for ages of any number of children -- but 15 3/4 would be especially important. Had Peter been 16, then taking the loyalty oath would have been required. We also think the 3/4 is quite compelling. Had Peter been born, say, a week or two before his baptism, 3/4 would have definitely pertained.

The other explanation cannot be totally ruled out -- that Hans Peter I died soon after his baptism and Hans Peter II was born in 1719, about exactly two years later, and baptized in what has been called the gap years when there seem to be a number of missing baptisms. But for David at least, we don't know of any missing baptisms.

In any event I believe that my ancestor Hans Peter was born about Dec 1717.

Relocated and Census Tracking
IMMIGRANT. I actually consider his father John David my immigrant Mertz ancestor, but Peter made the trip too as a teen-age boy.

Peter died before the 1790 Census. However, he was listed in the 1779 Pennsylvania Septennial Census, a resident of Longswamp Township where we also find his sons: Abrm single, Jno, Nichs, Peter Jr. and Philip.

In 1786, the Longswamp list was the same except that Abrm was no longer single.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Peter died in 1787, his exact date of death is unknown but his will was probated 7 Aug 1787.

His very brief will raises as many questions as it answers. *"Estate...shall be sold...distributed in equal shares...except my son John Mertz's Philip and Gertraut shall have 30 pounds beforehand....Executors: Peter Mertz Jr. and Nicholas".* It mentioned no wife so presumably she had pre-deceased him. It clearly mentioned son John who had also pre-deceased him. It mentioned two of John's children -- Gertraut and Philip -- but not the others. It named Peter Jr. and Nicholas as Executors though didn't specifically say they were his sons. And I am certain Peter had quite a number of additional sons and daughters that got no mention whatsoever.

So the question was how to identify all of Peter's children and have the kind of solid genealogical evidence of things to know they were, indeed, his children. And it turns out, a lot of evidence could be found by a thorough analysis of the records of the Longswamp Reformed Church.

In 2002, I had an email conversation with an aspiring professional genealogist named William J Zehner. At my request, he looked into whether it was possible that the Philip Mertz named in Peter's will could possibly be the same Philip Mertz who died at Freeburg around 1803. Peter's (very brief) will mentioned a son John and apparently a minor

grandson Philip. Zehner concluded that indeed the Philip in Peter's will was absolutely his grandson. But he then cited the Longswamp Reformed baptismal record of that grandson Philip, son of Johannes, at which the sponsors were Philip and Eva Mertz and suggested therefore that Philip (the one married to Eva) was the uncle of the Philip being baptized -- he and Johannes were no doubt brothers.

This caused me to go back and study more closely the baptismal records of Longswamp Reformed involving Johannes and Philip and Peter Jr. and you indeed get the sense that they were brothers based on the number of times that one stood as sponsor for the child of one of the others. Moreover, I concluded that the pattern was so strong of standing for each other among all the siblings (male and female) among that generation of Longswamp Mertzes that no other conclusion was possible -- they were siblings most often but at most first cousins. And when I then realized that I knew the names of every one of Nicholas' children, the conclusion that any others had to be Peter's children was inescapable. If I think of David as Generation I, his sons Nicholas and Peter (and daughter Christina) as Generation II, then while none of the baptisms of the Generation III brothers and sisters were recorded, they were obviously the parents as the Generation IV children came along, whose baptisms were recorded, beginning with the birth of Conrad, son of John Jacob (son of Nicholas), in 1760.

In total, there were over 75 such baptisms where one or the other parent was a Mertz (including married daughters) and in the majority of these, a Mertz stood as sponsor. The strong sense of family is totally apparent. When a sibling did stand as sponsor, then the second sponsor was often his or her spouse or in some cases, when both sponsors were said to be single, they sometimes were a couple who would later marry. There really is a lot of intelligence that can be gleaned from analysis of baptism records.

So what resulted was a list of all the names in the Longswamp records of what had to be the Generation III Mertzes. And when I then compared them to the Orphans Court records after Nicholas died naming all his children, I realized, by the process of elimination, that I had a pretty complete list of Peter's children -- the ones not otherwise accounted for.

For example, we know there was a Philip Mertz in Longswamp closely associated with John and Peter Jr. and since we know Philip was not the son of Nicholas -- and no other Longswamp Mertzes were siring children in the year Philip was estimated to have been born -- the logic is that Philip too was Peter's son.

There is a memorial for Peter on find-a-grave. I did not create it but I now maintain it. It suggests that he was buried at Longswamp Reformed which he might have been — or he instead might have been buried on his farm.

Known Daughters

From my study of Longswamp records, I have inferred that Peter had three daughters: Barbara, Maria and Elizabeth. I cannot rule out that there were others.

About Barbara, there can be no doubt. After Peter died, Henry Fegely petitioned the Orphans Court that his wife Barbara (deceased) was Peter's daughter and so her children were rightful heirs.

Another daughter, I think, was Maria. This Maria Mertz was named only once in the records of Longswamp Reformed because she moved away soon after her marriage, so I never recognized her from that single mention as a person I needed to identify -- I just thought she must have been either the other Maria Mertz of the day or someone whose name had been corrupted. I now know she was a unique person and like her siblings, I now know that

since she was an adult by about 1760 and not a daughter of Nicholas, she must have been a daughter of Peter.

What came to my attention, from find-a-grave, was that the wife of a man named Adam Zehner was Mary, born Mertz. Immediately, that name rang a bell. William Zehner was the professional genealogist I had met long ago when I was first exploring the "two Philips" theory (since proven). It turns out he is a descendant of Adam and Maria which explains his interest in the Mertz family.

And then I remembered two baptisms I had seen at Longswamp Reformed.

12 Sep 1758. The two sponsors at that baptism were Adam Zehman and Maria Mertz. That, in my opinion, was Adam Zehner and his soon to be wife Maria Mertz.

8 Apr 1764. Adam Hener and unnamed wife baptized son David. I think this was Adam Zehner and I think the birth date matches what people say is true about David Zehner, his son. The sponsor was David Mertz, Maria's brother I think.

I also think Peter had a daughter named Elizabeth because I think there were at least four women named Elizabeth Mertz living in Longswamp Township by about 1765. Nicholas had a known daughter Elizabeth who according to Orphans Court records married Lawrence Schollenberger before about 1763. He also had a known daughter Maria Elizabeth who later married Nicholas Klein. John Jacob had a known daughter Elizabeth born in 1762.

However, starting in 1776, the name Elizabeth Mertz began to appear frequently as a sponsor for various baptisms, many for grandchildren of Peter. She was once listed with Peter Fegely as another sponsor and later Peter Fegely and wife Elizabeth appeared as sponsors for other Mertz baptisms. And once Elizabeth Mertz was listed as a sponsor with Conrad Drescher -- this also for a baptism of a grandchild of Peter. Later, when Conrad Drescher and wife Elizabeth baptized children, Peter's sons stood as sponsors. All the evidence points to the fact that Peter, too, had a daughter named Elizabeth.

The problem is sorting out which Elizabeth married Peter Fegely (Voegele) and which married Conrad Drescher. Because -- and only because -- Conrad and Elizabeth appear as a married couple in 1776 whereas Peter and Elizabeth first appear as a married couple in 1779 -- and because I believe Peter's children were born earlier than the 1762 known birth of John Jacob's Elizabeth, I have placed Conrad Drescher as husband to Peter's daughter Elizabeth (whose entire existence is basically assumed rather than known for a fact) and Peter Fegely as husband of John Jacob's daughter Elizabeth whose existence at least is fact (she was baptized at Longswamp).

I may not be right about the husbands, but I do think the fact of this extra Elizabeth is correct.

Known Sons

Using the aforementioned technique of analyzing the records of the Longswamp Reformed Church looking for anyone named Mertz who was named as a sponsor, parent or child AND specifically identifying those adults who were obviously born in, say, the 1740-1760 period, what I call Generation III in America AND then differentiating those that were the known sons of Nicholas — a list of Peter's sons was logically deduced.

They were: Peter, David, Johannes, Philip, Jacob, Nicholas and Abraham.

Note that using this logic-based process, I came up with the names of seven sons. When later I found a letter from Philip D Mertz (Peter's great-grandson) stating that his grandfather was one of seven brothers, I felt that all my analysis was validated.

It was Peter's impending death in 1787 that seems to have triggered the mass migration of his sons and nephews to Northumberland County. Philip, Jacob and David appear to have left in 1785 before Peter's death, the others probably just after.

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Spouse: 5G GM Unknown

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Parent-Proof

I believe the name of Hans Peter's wife may forever be unknowable. I have studied every record involving the early Mertz pioneers of Berks County and I know of no document that gives her name, not even a given name, let alone a surname. There is no tombstone, no wife was mentioned in Peter's will, and they baptized their children before anyone was keeping records. (Or in any event, such records have been totally lost if there ever were any.)

Now that doesn't keep amateur genealogists on Ancestry.com from copying one from another trees that say his wife was Johanetta Girardin (Sheridan). Many say she was the mother of all of his children. I do not know exact birth dates for any of Peter's children but there is evidence that the several oldest were born in the early-to-mid 1740's.

I do not know the original source of the idea that Peter's wife was Johanetta. In all of the trees and books I have looked at where that is given as her name, I have never seen any real source cited for this knowledge.

But it is interesting that there was a woman named Johanetta Girardin. She was born in Alsace 17 Oct 1728, about eleven years after Peter's birth nearby. And she did come to America, but therein lies the problem. Jacob Gerradin and his family including Johanetta arrived America 15 Sep 1748.

So it is possible that Peter did marry Johanetta but she could not have been the mother of at least his older children. And being possible doesn't make it so, there is absolutely no evidence for the idea that he ever married Johanetta.

Baptisms at Longswamp Reformed began to be recorded in about 1760, though the church book starts by listing several children each of several apparently important church members back to about 1750. There were three, what I call, catch-up records for Jacob Mertz and wife Magdalena, Peter's nephew. There were none for either Peter or his brother Nicholas.

However, the Longswamp records are better than some in that they almost always list the sponsors at those baptisms. And my observation is that typically one or the other of the sponsors had some close relationship to one or other of the parents. So you would think — since Peter lived to 1787 — that he may have been a sponsor at any number of baptisms of his grandchildren. Of course, any mention of Peter Mertz after, say, 1765, might have been the younger Peter, born about 1745.

And that's what makes the 1761 baptism of Peter Bollinger, son of Heinrich and Elizabeth so interesting. The sponsors were "Peter Mertz, Catharina Mertz" written exactly in that form. I would think it was Hans Peter so that makes me wonder who Catharina Mertz was.

Nicholas did have a daughter named Catherine but I believe she had died by 1761 and in any event she was most certainly married by that time. No one else had a daughter or wife who was eligible that I know of. So who was this Catharina acting as sponsor?

The confusing thing is the form of how the two names were stated. Sometimes, the form of stating the sponsor's names was, for example, Philip and Eva Mertz or Philip Mertz and wife Eva -- in both cases it was clear it was a married couple standing as sponsors. And there are only a very few examples where it was written in the form Peter Mertz, Catharina Mertz and yet I think it was a married couple.

So this may be a clue -- nothing more than that -- that perhaps his wife, perhaps first wife (?), was named Catharina.

In any event, until a long lost family bible emerges that no one knew about or until some discovery of long lost earlier church records is found or some other obscure piece of evidence, I maintain -- NO ONE KNOWS HER NAME.

Obviously, I would be keenly interested in any new evidence which might shed more light on any of this.

Sources

1. Land Records 1767 Tax List, Longswamp Township, Peter Mertz is listed for 225 acres.

2. Probate Records Berks County, PA, 1700's to current, Wills, Estate Files, Repository: LDS On-line Images, Peter's estate file is on LDS on-line, page 1834 in the appropriate Berks Estate files book.

Name: **Peter Mertz (P1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1744 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA[4]
Birth Memo: (1765 tax list says he is a single man)
Death: bef 27 Apr 1813 North'd Co, PA[5]
Death Memo: (Estate administration began 27 Apr 1813)
Father: 5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)
Mother: 5G GM Catharina

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
His father's will named Peter Jr. as one of the Executors. When Peter Jr. and Nicholas, his fellow Executor, sold Hans Peter's land, at least one of the deeds said "our father's land."

The birth dates of most of the sons of Hans Peter are only estimates based on whatever clues I could find. I may have the order wrong. I believe Peter was the oldest son of Hans Peter. He was the first of Peter's sons ever named on the early tax lists of Berks County and he was first named in 1765 as a single man. So I have assigned him a 1744 estimated birth. He is designated P1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
1765-1769 Berks County, Longswamp Township Tax Lists. 1765 was the first year mention was made of any single Mertz taxpayers and Peter Mertz alone was listed in that category. In 1766, John and Peter were listed as single men, in 1767, John, Peter and Philip. Then in 1769, only Philip was still listed as single, while Peter Jr. was listed among the (presumably) married men of Longswamp.

1779 Pennsylvania Septennial Census. Peter Mertz Jr. was a resident of Longswamp Township. Peter (Sr. presumably) was also listed.

Peter Jr. moved to Northumberland County in about 1789 and was thereafter Peter Sr. He was named in the first three Census:

1790. Lived in Northumberland County, listed together with David, Conrad and Jacob Sr.

1800. Lived in Northumberland County, Chillisquaque Township. Peter's household had three younger males, one in each age bracket: under 10, 10-15 and 16-25. I only know of three sons for sure of Peter's but Jonathan was already on his own also in Chillisquaque. For that reason, I keep an open mind to the possibility of a fourth son.

1810. Lived in the same place. His son Daniel was also listed in Chillisquaque and Jonathan was in nearby Augusta Township. But yet again, there were two sons remaining in Peter's household but I only know of Peter Jr. who would have still been there.

He was also named on the early Northumberland County tax lists. He first was named in Augusta Township (where his brothers had settled) in 1791-1794. Then he was listed in 1793 in Shamokin Township and was also there in 1794 and 1795 and then in 1796 his name was crossed through. He then can be found in Chillisquaque Township from 1796 to 1812. The years sightly overlap due to some ambiguity as to the real date of the tax. Typically, Peter was listed as a tenant on someone else's large property until 1812 when he was taxed on the one acre his son, Peter, had sold him from the eleven he then owned.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Administration on his estate began 27 Apr 1813 with Peter Jr. as administrator.

On 19 Jan 1816 Peter Mertz informed the Orphans Court of Northumberland County that he was the administrator of Peter Mertz deceased and that Peter died intestate and that he did not have sufficient assets to cover his personal debts of $160. (He later sold Peter's house and lot for $201.)

As of summer 2015, Peter is not on find-a-grave.

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Known Daughters
Peter and wife Susanna baptized two daughters at Longswamp: Ester 23 Nov 1777 and Anna Maria 8 Dec 1778. I believe the Mary Mertz, daughter of Peter, who married John Douty in 1799 was Peter's daughter Anna Maria.

There may have been other daughters. In fact, in 2021, we may have found one more. Mary Lou Clegg, a long-time correspondent of mine, descends from Catherine Mertz who was the wife of Jesse Cherry and it is known that Jesse apparently came from Shamokin Township. We have discussed off and on for many years who Catherine could possibly be.

Now, of course, DNA is giving us new insights to supplement what we can learn (or fail to learn) from traditional document-based genealogical work. Mary Lou studied the various candidates in my database and concluded tat perhaps Peer was the best candidate to be her father. So she added Peter to her tree as Catherine's father and then let Ancestry's (often flawed) Thru-Lines algorithms consider the possibilities. Thru-Lines came up with three cousins of Mary Lou who in fact descend from other children of Peter's.

This doesn't "prove" anything. But it is quite an interesting finding. I have studied extensively my own Ancestry DNA cousins and I have many dozens of cousins who descend from one or another child of Hans Peter not counting my direct ancestor Philip). And for several of his children, I have five-to-ten cousins who share that lineage but in Peter's case, I only have one. (Detecting such a relationship is hit or miss when we are trying to finding such distant cousins — so my one cousin is not any of the three of Mary Lou's, a not unusual event.).

But the point I think is that (in my unscientific way of thinking), Peter maybe has fewer descendants overall today that some of Hans Peter's other children (so fewer matches) — or — Peter and his line didn't pass Hans Peter's DNA along as strongly as some other lines. Whatever the explanation, I find the fact that Mary Lou has three such cousins significant.

Moreover, I know from tax records that Peter — who I always think of as being of Chillisquaque once in Northumberland County — was actually in Shamokin Township through 1795. Catherine was born in the late 1770's so likely didn't marry Jesse before 1795 but it is not too hard to imagine that Jesse knew her before she moved away and tracked her down later.

Known Sons
Peter had three sons that I am know of but Census tick marks suggest the possibility of one more. The ones I know were:

Jonathan was baptized in 1776 at Longswamp Reformed and is designated P1a.

Daniel was baptized in 1779 and is designated P1b.

Peter Jr.'s baptism went unrecorded. The only real clue to his age is the 1830 Census when he was age 40-49, indicating a birth in the 1780's. But that may be wrong.

But as to the possibility of a fourth son, consider that there was an Abraham Martz who settled in Milton by 1820, the first ever Martz in Milton. I have studied everyone named Mertz or Martz in early Pennsylvania and I am unable to say who Abraham was. Moreover, there is an indication that Peter's son Daniel was intending to move to Milton in 1825 (though he never seems to have gotten there). And there is one more link of this family to Milton. Richard J Martz says that Henry Baldi Douty (father of Peter's son-in-law John Douty) was an early resident of Milton.

So based on the fact that I otherwise don't know Abraham of Milton, together with the fact that Peter had an extra son in Census, together with the fact that Daniel is the only other early Martz associated with Milton — I have declared Abraham to be Peter's son, in fact his third son, P1c. (Making Peter Jr. P1d.) But note well, this all is quite speculative on my part.

Jonathan, Daniel and Peter Jr. were definitely sons of Peter Sr. Abraham maybe was. I've cited the "evidence" but there is one thing that gives me a little doubt and that is that while Jonathan, Daniel and Peter Jr. were all first named on Chillisquaque tax lists, in 1801, 1803 and 1812 respectively, Abraham never was. He was though first named, and said to be single, on the 1810 tax list of Milton. What would have drawn Abraham to go off as a young man to Milton?

Peter's sons made a faint imprint on history. Daniel disappeared after the 1820 Census, Jonathan, Abraham and Peter were present in 1830. Abraham then died shortly after that Census. Then there are a few mentions of Jonathan and Peter on tax records into the 1830's and then they too are gone. I have identified the sons of Jonathan, Abraham and Peter Jr., though, so Peter Sr.'s line did continue.

Jonathan was a key person in my coming to the realization that *all* Northumberland Mertzes and Martzes were Longswamp Mertzes. For a long time, I never gave much thought to anyone pf this name in Northumberland County other than my ancestor Philip. I had figured out that people had made the error thinking my Philip of Longswamp was John Philip of Rockland. But I didn't really question the work of J L Floyd and Joseph A Meiser which said some of the others were also of that same Rockland Township line or else gave a very vague ancestry for them and it didn't really interest me to try to see if it could all be sorted out. Even the names Peter, David and Nicholas — pretty much Longswamp only names — didn't really catch my attention. I just didn't give any of them much thought.

But then a woman named Jeanie Bostian who grew up in Sunbury contacted me. Jeanie is what I call an email cousin. Even though she is from Sunbury, I have never met her. I do remember Bostians in town but did not know any of them well.

Jeanie had traced her ancestry back to Barbara Mertz daughter of Jonathan. Barbara married Jesse Bastian in Sunbury in 1820 and Jeanie, their g-g-g-g-granddaughter, was trying to figure out where Barbara fit in. At first, I didn't even believe Jeanie because although I knew a lot of early Mertzes named Johannes, I didn't recall ever seeing any named Jonathan. But I was wrong.

As I went back through the information that I had sitting deep in my files, it all began to come together and make sense. Peter Mertz (who I call Peter Jr.) and wife Susanna had actually baptized a son named Jonathan at Longswamp Church in 1776 and then we found that when the estate of Peter Martz (now called) Senior was sold at Public Vendue in

Northumberland County on May 22, 1813 by Peter Martz Jr. (arguably III) that also present at the sale were Jonathan Martz and his mother Susannah. There it was, clear evidence that Peter of Northumberland County was Peter of Longswamp — and so that's when I undertook to study all the pioneer Northumberland Mertzes more closely and try to match them up with the Longswamp family who I also studied more closely beginning then.

And the rest as they say is history. I am now convinced that *all* the Northumberland Pioneer (i.e. pre-1830) Mertzes were in fact Longswamp Mertzes. And I was able to help Jeanie determine that she was a descendant of John David Mertz and that she is my sixth cousin (twice removed). Thanks, Jeanie.

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Spouse:	**Susanna**
Birth:	aft 1755
Birth Memo:	(age 26-45 in 1800)
Marriage:	abt 1775

Parent-Proof

It is known that Peter's wife was indeed named Susanna, J L Floyd said her name was Susanna Brown and it is known, from his will, that Frederick Braun, who had married first Maria Eve Mertz, daughter of Nicholas, Sr., had a daughter Susanna. Some people have put 2 and 2 together this way and concluded that the wife of Peter Mertz was Susanna, daughter of Frederick Braun. For a long time, that's exactly the way I had things in my database. But I have changed my mind.

Over the years, I have been in touch with several persons with some interest in the Braun family. I believe the most thorough of these researchers is Curt Bajak and he has convinced me that, while we can't be 100% positive of much of anything, nonetheless:

1. The only evidence that Susanna was even a Braun is the mention by Floyd and from my experience, the J L Floyd book is so unreliable in so many ways that it can hardly be given much weight.

2. There were two men named Frederick Braun living in Berks County in the 1760 and later period. A close study of the two Frederick Brauns of Berks County indicates some geographic separation of the two (within Berks County). The older one worshipped at Zion Moselem Lutheran and lived and was taxed in Richmond Township. The younger one was taxed as a single man in Maxatawny Township possibly as late as 1759 or 1760.

3. Curt believes it was the younger one who married Maria Eva Mertz and that their marriage took place no earlier than about 1760 or 1761.

4. I don't really know when Maria Eva was born or for that matter when any of the children of Nicholas, Sr. were born (with the possible exception that I think Henry was born in 1743) but we get a hint from the petition of Jacob Mertz, eldest son of Nicholas, filed in 1762 after his father had died. Jacob listed Nicholas' children as himself, Margaretta and Maria Eve as the only three "of age" (and later indicated that his sister Catherine was deceased leaving an heir, meaning she likely also would have been of age).

5. Since we know Nicholas was single and age about 18 when he arrived America in 1733, and if we give him a couple of years to find his way to Longswamp, get settled, mature a little and marry and then have four children who were born before, say, 1742 and given that Maria Eve would appear, from the order Jacob named Nicholas' children, to be the youngest of the "of age" children, my conclusion is Maria Eve was born not too much earlier than, say 1742.

6. Add to all this that Susanna was listed third (and last) among his daughters by Frederick Braun in his will and the inescapable conclusion is Susanna could not have been old enough to be having children starting in 1776.

7. Let's say Maria Eva was born in 1741, married in 1760 and Susanna was not her oldest child — how could she have her own child in 1776? In fact, Susanna might well have been born herself in the 1770's. Even if you want to believe Frederick and Maria Eve married in 1759 and had Susanna that same year, that still makes her only about 16 when she married and 17 when she bore her son Jonathan. It's all of course theoretically possible but the evidence just seems to suggest a later marriage for Maria Eve and a much later birth for Susanna.

8. As a final point, we have always known that Frederick's daughter Susanna was the first cousin of Peter Mertz. This didn't trouble me too much as I am aware of a fair number of other such marriages and of even more involving 2nd or 3rd cousins but Curt has raised the question in my mind that it really would have been a very rare occurrence for those old Germans of Colonial Pennsylvania.

Curt and I have also studied tax records extensively hoping to draw conclusions about things from especially that there would always be a separate list of single (age 21+) freemen taxpayers. So the idea is if we know when a person was first listed as a single taxpayer, that gives us a good indication of his birth. And if we know when he moved to the other, main list, that would give us an indication of when he married.

Our conclusion though is:

1. The exact date of these tax lists ma be off by a year or so from what it appears. You think you are looking at the 1776 list but it might really represent 1775 or 1777.

2. It seems to us that to be listed as single, you had to be 21 and, yes, single, but that if you owned property or livestock or perhaps even had a trade, maybe you instead were listed on the main list — so it can not necessarily be concluded from one's presence on the main list that he was married.

Peter was first listed as a single freeman in 1765. He then seems to move to the other, main list in 1768 or 1769. And yet is first mention in Longswamp Church records as a married man was the 1776 baptism of son Jonathan by Peter and wife Susanna. So, there are several possibilities:

- Maybe it is erroneous to think just because Peter Jr. was listed with the presumed married men in 1769, that he was, in fact, married. Maybe it is only that he was over the age of 25. Or maybe he owned property or livestock or had an occupation (weaver he often was) and maybe single meant single and none of those other things.
- Maybe Peter Jr. had a first wife prior to Susanna.

- Maybe he did marry Susanna in about 1769 and they simply were just never named in Longswamp records before 1776.

Sources

1. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Peter Mertz, North'd Co, 1, 3, 5.
2. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Peter Marts, Chillisquaque Twp North'd, 1/2, 1/2, 1/0, 0/1, 1/0.
3. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Peter Marts, Chillisquaque Twp North'd, 0/0, 1/0, 1/2, 0/0, 1/1.
4. Land Records Berks County Tax Lists, Longswamp Township, Peter Mertz listed as a single man in 1765.
5. Probate Records North'd Co, PA, Wills and Administrations, 1792-1871, Registrar's transcriptions, Repository: LDS Films 961020-23, Estate of Peter Mertz administered 27 Apr 1813. LOA to Peter Mertz Jr.

Name: **Jonathan Martz (P1a)**[1,2,3,4,5,6]

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Birth: 19 Sep 1776 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo: (Longswamp Church baptism)
Death: abt 1835
Death Memo: (last mention in public records)
Father: Peter Mertz (P1) (~1744-<1813)
Mother: Susanna (>1755-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Jonathan was born 19 Sep 1776 and baptized 20 Oct 1776 at Longswamp Reformed by his parents Peter and Susanna Mertz with Conrad Drescher and Elisabetha as sponsors. I believe Elisabetha was Peter's sister.

Jonathan was given a unique name in the early Mertz families. Because of that, he is easy to spot in later records. I believe that Jonathan was Peter's oldest son so is designated P1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Jonathan came as a teenager from Berks County to Northumberland County with his father and the rest of the family. They settled in Chillisquaque Township and later Jonathan bounced around between Sunbury and Northumberland and the surrounding townships.

1800. Jonathan Marts was 16-25, lived in Chillisquaque with his (presumed) wife of the same age, no children.

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1810. Jonathan Martz, age 26-45, a stiller, lived in Augusta Township, Northumberland County, apparently having removed there sometime after 1800 leaving his father and brother who remained in Chillisquaque and coming to Augusta where several of his cousins lived.

1820. He was still in Augusta Township.

1830. Jonathan Mrtz, age 50-59, lived in Point Township.

1832. Jonathan was listed as a lock tender on the 1832 tax list. This strengthens the idea that his brother Peter was indeed the Peter who was a Supervisor of Canals.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jonathan was not listed in the 1840 Census. The last tax record mention of him was 1834.

Richard J Martz, who descends in all likelihood from Jonathan, has tried hard to determine when exactly he may have died. He notes that he was taxed in Northumberland Borough in 1832 and also in 1834 when he was a tenant of John Porter. After that, Richard cites occasional mentions of Jonathan in Northumberland County court records. He was a frequent party to various suits where either he sought to collect money owed him or others tried to collect money he owed them (more of the latter type it seems).

At least one of those suits carried on into the early 1840's, though there is no evidence that the court understood that Jonathan most likely was already deceased at the time. So it is unclear when exactly Jonathan died, though middle-to-late 1830's about brackets it.

As of summer, 2015, he was not on find-a-grave. No one knows where he was buried.

Known Daughters
Ignoring what seems to be extra people in the 1830 Census and based only on 1810 and 1820, it seems that Jonathan had but one son, Simon, and several daughters. Only two daughters are known though:

1. Susannah who, on 30 Mar 1823, married Peter Simonton in Northumberland County.
2. Barbara who, on 3 Dec 1820, married Jesse Bastian in Northumberland County.

Known Sons
The only son of Jonathan's that I know of is Simon Martz (1806-1890). He is designated P1a1.

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Spouse:	**Catherine**

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Death:	19 Mar 1833
Death Memo:	(Richard J Martz citation)

Parent-Proof
Jonathan's wife was named Catherine, according to Richard J Martz. He also speculates that since their presumed son Simon named a son Vandine, perhaps that was Catherine's maiden name. There is evidence of a Vandine (Van Dyne, actually) family in the right place at the right time.

Sources
1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 20 Oct 1776. Jonathan Mertz s/o Peter and Susanna baptized. Sponsors: Conrad Drescher and Elisabetha. Elisabetha is presumably Conrad's wife and I believe possibly a sister of Peter Jr.
2. Land Records Early Tax Records, Northumberland County, Somewhat hit or miss by year and township, Point Twp. John Mertz (Jonathan?) is taxed here starting 1816 and then Daniel in 1817 and from 1821 on.
3. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jonathen Marts, Chillisquaque Twp Northd Co, a neighbor of Peter his father, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0, 0/0.
4. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jonathan Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1/5, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
5. 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), Jonathan Mertz, Augusta Twp North'd Co, 0/1, 1/3, 0/2, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
6. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jonathan Martz, Point Twp North'd Co, 5-9M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 50-59M, 15-19F (3), 40-49F.

Name: **Simon Martz (P1a1)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth: 9 Dec 1805
Memo: (newspapers.com age at death 82y, 8m, 18d))
Death: 27 Aug 1888
Memo: (newspapers.com death notice)
Father: Jonathan Martz (P1a) (1776-~1835)
Mother: Catherine

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Richard J Martz, a descendant of Simon, points out that during the early 1830's, the only other Martz besides Jonathan in Northumberland Borough was Simon who was taxed there as a single man. In 1834, Jonathan had been taxed as John Porter's tenant, in 1835 Simon was the tenant.

From Census, Jonathan seemed only to have one son who was under age 5 in 1810, 10-15 in 1820 and perhaps the one misreported as 15-19 in 1830.

I have considered he may have been the son of Jonathan's brother Peter since Peter was listed in the 1830 Census in Sunbury and then Simon was listed in Sunbury in 1840, but tick marks do not support that conclusion. They better support the idea that he was Jonathan's son, which is what Richard Martz believes.

Simon is designated P1a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Simon was in the 1840 Census in Sunbury and also there in 1850 as Wiman Martz, age 47, with Mary 34, Mercy 12, Vandine 5 and Gideanna (?) 2.

In 1860, he was still in Sunbury and now Josiah 7 and Catherine 1 have joined the family.

1870. Still in Sunbury. Rebecca Henry age 5 has joined the household.

1880. Still in Sunbury. His wife, variously named Mary, Mary A and Mary Ann has apparently died. Rebecca Henry is said to be Simon's granddaughter.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Richard J Martz gives a sad biography for Simon. *"At one point he owned valuable property in Sunbury but was gradually forced to sell off his holdings. In 1884, a newspaper article said that Simon, who had been a borough charge for some time, had left to live with a daughter in Buffalo in the hopes of finding employment. But county tax records show that by 1886 he had returned to the poor house in Sunbury and was there until at least 1888."*

There is a memorial for Simon on find-a-grave which alleges he was buried in Pomfret Manor Cemetery in Sunbury, with dates 1806-1890. There is absolutely no evidence that there is any truth to this. Some of Simon's descendants are buried in that cemetery and that seems to be the basis of the apparent misconception that Simon must be there too.

But Richard J Martz has looked quite closely at this possibility and also tried hard to find where in fact Simon was buried. He concludes that it is highly unlikely Simon is in Pomfret Manor (no record of it where there should be one). For a long time, though, we had no

better dates for Simon than 1806-1890 until Richard found a death notice in a Sunbury newspaper giving his date of death hand age at death.

Known Daughters
Richard J Martz lists daughters Mercy who married Frederick Hammer, Agnes who married William Zinn and Catherine who married Mr. Minnehan or Minium.

So who was the granddaughter Rebecca Henry who lived in Simon's household? It would seem one of Simon's daughters must have married a Mr. Henry.

Known Sons
Richard J Martz lists two sons: Vandine and Josiah. Census shows them and no others, though it seems there may have been one or two others who died young. The death certificates for both Vandine and Josiah say their father's name was Simon.

Spouse:	**Mary Ann Showers**
Birth:	1815
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	27 May 1880
Death Memo:	(RJM Almanac)
Burial:	Pomfret Manor Cemetery, Sunbury, PA

Parent-Proof
I found the death certificate for Vandine, indexed as Vanctun though the informant was Mrs. Vending Martz. It named Simon as his father but there is some ambiguity as to whether his mother was Mary Thomas or Mary Showers, it can be read either way.

I lean to Showers as the better interpretation as the last part looks to me more like "wers" than "mas" and with a little imagination, I can see that the "T" might have been an "S", though not fully formed.

Josiah's death certificate did not identify the name of his mother.

Richard J Martz has determined that both the Thomas and Showers family names were present in the the right place at the right time.

Find-a-Grave
There is also a memorial for Mary Ann on find-a-grave. Her birth year is listed as 1815, her death as May 1880 and there is this comment:

"Source: 1880 Fed. Census mortality schedule. Indicates she was age 60 at time of death."

It is correct that she died in May 1880 at age 60 — per the Mortality Census. The question is where does the 1815 come from? And is there any evidence she was buried at Pomfret Manor? I suspect she is not there.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Simon Marts, Sunbury, North'd Co, PA, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F.

2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Simon Martz, 47, Sunbury, North'd, PA, Mary 34, Mercy 12, Vandine 5, Gideanna 2.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Simon Martz, 53, Sunbury, North'd, PA, Mary A 44, Vandine 15, Agnes 11, Josiah 7, Catharine 1.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Semon Martz, 64, Sunbury East Ward, North'd, PA, Mary Ann 54, Josiah 17, Catharine 12, Rebecca Henry 5.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Simon Martz, 73, Sunbury, North'd, PA, (granddaughter) Rebecca Henry 15.

Name: **Vandine Martz (P1a1a)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	16 Sep 1844
Birth Memo:	(death certificate)
Death:	14 Dec 1917
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Pomfret Manor Cemetery, Sunbury, PA
Father:	Simon Martz (P1a1) (~1807->1888)
Mother:	Mary Ann Showers (1815-1880)
Other spouses:	Mary Ellen Landau
	Amanda Poff

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Vandine was the known son of Simon from the 1850 and 1860 Census. Speculation is that his name was perhaps his grandmother's maiden name -- i.e. that Catherine, wife of Jonathan, was Catherine Vandine. The Vandine family was a neighbor of the Martz family in the 1800 Census.

Vandine is designated P1a1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

The 1870 Census is the first one where Vandine was reported on his own though he was a little hard to find — because his name was transcribed as Cndine Mrtt. Go figure. Upon examination, it is clearly Vandine Martz. He lived in Upper Augusta Township and was still there in 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Vandine is on find-a-grave.

His exact dates of birth and death come from his death certificate.

Known Sons

Vandine had several sons. He was married three times and had sons by each. The Richard J Martz Almanac paints a very interesting picture of Vandine. His business transactions and different activities over the years makes an interesting story. As does his involvement with at least three different women, some of whom brought children from a previous marriage into his household or perhaps a child they had with Vandine before they married him.

The ancestor of Richard J Martz was Charles Milton Martz (1880-1943) who was Vandine's son by Catherine Bubb — after their marriage.

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Spouse: **Catherine Bubb**

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Marriage:	25 Mar 1880
Marr Memo:	(RJM Almanac)
Death:	18 Dec 1930
Death Memo:	(RJM Almanac)

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Cndine Mrtt, 29, Upper Augusta, North'd, PA, Mary E 26, William 5, Catharine 4, John 1.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Vandine Martz, 35, Upper Augusta, North'd, PA, Catharine 28, Catherine E 13, John 11, Frank 8, Irvin 6, Reuben 5, Alice 2.

3. Periodical Author: Richard J Martz, "Almanac," RJM has assembled an incredible "almanac" going year by year with every relevant citation for his whole line back to Vandine, Simon, Jonathan.

Name: **Josiah Martz (P1a1b)**[1,2]

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Birth:	1854
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave, death certificate only says age 59 at death)
Death:	9 Dec 1913
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Pomfret Manor Cemetery, Sunbury, PA
Father:	Simon Martz (P1a1) (~1807->1888)
Mother:	Mary Ann Showers (1815-1880)
Other spouses:	Alice A Cornell

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Josiah was the son of Simon; Census and his death certificate confirm this. He is designated P1a1b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
He was first listed on his own in the 1880 Census in Northumberland.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Josiah is on find-a-grave, buried in Pomfret Manor, Sunbury. His death certificate is posted there saying his father was Simon, no mother's name given. He died 9 Dec 1913 at age 59.

Spouse: **Rosetta Landau**

Birth:	1854
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	9 Apr 1905
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Pomfret Manor Cemetery, Sunbury, PA

Parent-Proof
In 2016, I heard from Bill Roadarmel about Rosetta as follows:

"I have been searching for years for my GGM, Rosetta Landau, but found nothing. My first reference is the 1870 census where Rose Landaw is 16 years old and listed as a domestic servant with Wm and Anna Burnside. I always assumed that she was in the 1860 census but didn't recognize anything I could use.

We were in Salt Lake City on an Ancestry search tour. With some help from the staff, we found Rosa Landols in the 1860 census. I never connected that mis-spelling to the name I was looking for.

Her parents are William Landaw and Elizabeth (Keihl). In the Sunbury American 17 Jun 1848 is a wedding announcement for William Landaw and Elizabeth Keihl. They appear in the 1850 census. In the 1860 census, they are living with Elizabeth Anter (Antis), childen Mary, Susan and Rosa. Also Harriet Keil (maybe Elizabeth's sister?). He is listed as a shoemaker.

William Landaw fought in the Civil War. He was in the 202 Reg., Company I, mustered in 1 Sep 1864 and died in Danville 24 Jun 1865 (possibly home on sick leave, possibly died of Typhus). I found his Civil War Death notice.

In Fold3, we found a deposition for widows pension by Martha J Landaw (Antis, Rank), 19 Oct 1898 in Michigan. It looks quite long. but she states she married William on 20 Oct 1863 in Danville. They had a daughter Jenny. Children by William's first wife are Susan Landaw and Rosetta Landaw, born 28 March 1854. That fits our Rosetta.

I haven't had time to find much more. Elizabeth was alive in 1860 and Martha appears in 1863. What happened to Elizabeth between 1860 and 1863? What about William? I would expect a news article about his service or military funeral. We didn't find it. Maybe on another visit."

Sources

1. Vital Record "PA Death Certificate," 1906-1963, Repository: Ancestry.com, Josiah Martz d.9 Dec 1913, age 59, buried Pomfret Manor, son of Simon Martz, informant Chas E Martz.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Josiah Martz, 28, North'd, North'd, PA, Rosetta 26, William 4, Charles 3.

Name: **Daniel Martz (P1b)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 9 Nov 1779 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo: (Longswamp baptism)
Father: Peter Mertz (P1) (~1744-<1813)
Mother: Susanna (>1755-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Daniel was baptized at Longswamp Reformed in 1779. I believe he was Peter's second son. He is designated P1b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Daniel is easy to track in Census in Northumberland County as his name was unique there in the time he lived. In 1810, he was found in Chillisquaque Township and in 1820 in Northumberland Borough. Daniel then disappeared after the 1820 Census. There is no record he died then (though that is true for many people of his era who did in fact die).

There is a very curious notation on the Northumberland County Tax list in the year Daniel disappeared from that list — it says "gone to Milton." But I can find no evidence that a Daniel Martz in fact showed up in Milton.

However, a Daniel Martz (different spellings) showed up in York County starting in 1830 and he was in the right age bracket to be this Daniel. Finally, in 1850, his age was clarified as age 67 — this Daniel would have been 70 — but a three year age reporting error in Census is not all that unusual.

It may be that Daniel of York County was none other than Daniel, son of Peter. I don't know what happened to one Daniel and I have no idea who the other Daniel could possibly be.

But I often say that the biggest mistake amateur genealogists make is assuming that a person in one place is the same person in a different place of the same name. My rule is there needs to be a connection, a carry-though, from one place to the next. The carry-though can take different forms, the name of a wife or child for example. But in this case, I have no carry-through.

One discordant note suggesting that they were not the same Daniel is that the Census-taker in York County in 1850 asked for the county where someone was born and Daniel answered York County. His Census page is so full of ditto marks, it's not clear how careful the Census taker was to emphasize the question, but that is what it says. So I would guess it is 25% likely it is the same Daniel and 75% it is not.

Daniel of York County goes on my Unknown list.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
My guess is that Daniel died in Northumberland County sometime in the 1820's but there is no record of that and he may well have moved to York County and lived into the 1850's.

As of 2015, he is not on find-a-grave.

Known Sons

Daniel appeared to have a family in the 1820 Census, including possibly two sons. But, not only did he disappear, there was no extra widow in the 1830 Census, no remnant family in or near Northumberland or in Milton. What happened to his family? Interestingly, I found on find-a-grave a memorial for John B Martz said to have been born in 1809 in Chillisquaque and by process of elimination, I believe he must have been Daniel's son.

Sources

1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 17 Dec 1779. Daniel Mertz s/o Peter and Susanna baptized. Sponsors: Peter Klein and wife Christina. The sponsors are the aunt and uncle of Peter Jr.

2. Land Records Tax Records, Northumberland County (including Union, Snyder), By Township, Point Twp. John Mertz (Jonathan?) is taxed here starting 1816 and then Daniel in 1817 and 1821 through 1824. In 1825, it says "gone to Milton" by his name.

3. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Daniel Marts, Chillisquaque Twp, North'd Co, PA, (near his father Peter), 1/0, 0/0, 0/1, 1/0, 0/0.

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), Daniel Mertz, Northumberland Borough, North'd, PA, 1/0, 1/1, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.

Name: **John B Martz (P1b1)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth: 6 Sep 1809
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 6 Feb 1892
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Mt Avon, Rochester, MI
Father: Daniel Martz (P1b) (1779-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
John B Martz is on find-a-grave buried in Oakland County, Michigan. His find-a-grave memorial says he was born in 1809 in Chillisquaque Township, Northumberland County PA. Since I never heard of this man before stumbling on his memorial, that got my attention.

There is little doubt in my mind that John B is a descendant of Peter Mertz (P1). Peter's name became Martz when he moved with his other brothers to Northumberland County where he alone settled in Chillisquaque. In the 1800 Census, Peter and his son Jonathan were the two Martzes of that place, in 1810, Peter and his son Daniel were the two there and by 1820, none of that family was left in that place (some were in nearby townships).

To zero in on the best candidate to be John B's father, I looked at tick marks in the 1810 Census for Peter and his sons, who had a son 0-9?

Peter himself had no son age 0-9, but Daniel did. Those were the two actually still in Chillisquaque. Jonathan, then living in Augusta Township, had one son of that age but that, I'm pretty sure, was Simon. Peter had several other sons but none of them were yet married and living on their own in 1810.

A similar exercise, now looking for a son 10-15 in the 1820 Census, points to the same conclusion.

So I believe Daniel was the father of John B who is designated P1b1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
His obituary says he came to Michigan in 1832. Since Daniel disappeared from Census after 1820, I was hoping to find some evidence that he too may have gone to Michigan but no such evidence has presented itself, yet.

But John is in Michigan in Census starting in 1840 and continuing through 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
John B and his wife are on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
I don't think John had any sons, there is no evidence of any. The Frank Martz, age 33, living with him in 1880 was his daughter Frances.

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Spouse: **Mary Ann Cook**

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Birth: 25 Feb 1807
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 29 Mar 1886
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Mt Avon, Rochester, MI

Parent-Proof
Daughter of Peter Beatus Cook per her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John B Hartz, Farmington, Oakland, MI, 15-19M, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John B Marts, 40, Avon, Oakland, MI, Mary Ann 41, Perihelia 14, Mary E 6, Frances 2, Ann Livingston 7, Theodore Cork 27.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John B Martes, 50, Avon, Oakland, MI, Mary A 50, Permelia A 23, Frances M 13, Peter Shoorat 29, C S Brewer 60, James Thompson 28.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Marts, 60, Avon, Oakland, MI, Mary Ann 60, Frances M 19, Mary E 22.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John B Martz, 71, Rochester, Oakland, MI, Mary A 73, Mary 36, Frank 33 + Permelia Comstock 44 and her family.

Name: **Abraham Martz (P1c)**[1,2]

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Birth:	4 Sep 1786
Birth Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Harmony Cemetery)
Death:	30 Jun 1830
Death Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Harmony Cemetery)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	Peter Mertz (P1) (~1744-<1813)
Mother:	Susanna (>1755-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Abraham Martz of Milton, PA existed. He was listed in the 1820 and 1830 Census in Milton and named as a father at an 1822 Milton church baptism with wife Susan. He was actually first named in Milton on an 1810 tax list when he was listed as single and then he was listed as a carpenter in 1812 and 1813.

Abraham was clearly the very first Mærtz to settle in Milton and I consider him the progenitor of the Martz family of Milton. So who was Abraham?

I know of several Abraham Mertz or Martz of the same approximate age to be possible candidates to be Abraham of Milton. But for all of them, I either know what exactly did happen to them or I know enough about them and enough about Abraham of Milton to be reasonably certain they were not the same man.

Now consider this. Daniel Martz of Northumberland Borough disappeared from Census after 1820 and Northumberland Borough tax lists after 1825 when there was a notation where his name was scratched off and it said "gone to Milton".

Now had a lot of Martzes lived in Milton, this notation would not be that significant. But no one of that name had ever lived there before Abraham and no one else except him and then his widow and descendants were there until many decades later.

I know Daniel. He was the son of Peter and Susanna Martz, so for that reason I wondered if it was possible that Abraham was Daniel's brother. Maybe Daniel followed Abraham to Milton but died soon thereafter and there just is no record of his ever having been there. So, in pursuit of this theory, I examined the Census history for Peter.

- Peter and Susanna Martz had three young males (presumed sons) in 1790. That would be Jonathan, Daniel and one other — possibly Peter Jr. but if my theory is right, possibly Abraham.
- In 1800, Peter again reported three sons but Jonathan had already moved out and was living on his own. So Daniel and Peter Jr. were two of the sons, who was the third?
- And then in 1810, with both Jonathan and Daniel now both living on their own, there still were two sons living with Peter. One was Peter Jr., who was the other?

So my theory, and that's all it is, is that Abraham of Milton, who I otherwise don't know but who appeared in Milton by about 1810 was the extra tick mark son of Peter who I otherwise can't identify. I acknowledge there is scant evidence linking Abraham to Peter, but again it is a theory formed in the context of trying to identify and track all Mærtz males born before 1850. There are three pieces of evidence which may support this theory, none of them totally compelling but real facts nonetheless:

- The tax record that Daniel, son of Peter, was to move to Milton. It would appear he never showed up there (or didn't stay very long) but it does link Peter's family and Milton.
- Abraham's wife was Susan and based on her naming a son Peter Schwartz Martz, I would guess she was the daughter of Peter Schwarz. Such a man lived in Northumberland County in the right timeframe and what's really interesting is that in 1825 Francis P Schwartz sold the Public Enquirer newspaper to Peter Martz. I don't know if Peter and Francis P Schwartz were brothers, but they might have been and this establishes that the Peter Martz family knew the Schwartz family.
- There are no discordant notes. Anytime I'm forced to form a theory about who someone was, I look for evidence that would seem to contradict whatever theory I am forming. I call them discordant notes. I consider the lack of discordant notes to be evidence that supports the theory.

  However, I have reviewed the tax records of Chillisquaque Township where Peter lived. Peter was reported there from 1797-1812, Jonathan 1801-1804, Peter Jr. 1812-1821 and Daniel 1801-1812. Abraham turned 21 in 1807, I was hoping to find him first listed in Chillisquaque about then, but he wasn't. That would have substantially proved my theory. Nonetheless, the absence of such a listing doesn't disprove it.

Abraham is designated P1c.

Discrepancies
While it can be argued from Census that Peter had four sons, there may be a problem with their ages. From their baptisms, I know Jonathan was born in 1777 and Daniel in 1779. From his tombstone, as transcribed by Joseph Meiser, Abraham was born in 1786. I don't know when Peter Jr. was born.

In 1800, Peter reported a son age 16-25 (Daniel), 10-15 (Abraham) and 0-9 (this must have been Peter Jr.). In 1810, he reported a son 16-25 (Abraham) and 10-15 (Peter Jr.).

The discrepancy is that both Abraham and Peter Jr. were reported as 40-49 in 1830 — indicating a 1780's birth for each. I have to believe that Peter was only 30-39, for my theory to be correct. And that's what I believe. It is not uncommon to have such discrepancies in Census age brackets.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Abraham was listed on Milton tax lists starting in 1810 and then listed there in the 1820 and 1830 Census and then his widow, Susan, I believe, took his place in 1840 and then by 1850 his sons began to be reported on their own. There is record of him buying a town lot in Milton in Dec 1813.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Abraham was not on find-a-grave but I found record of his burial in a transcription of Harmony Cemetery by Joseph A Meiser and so I added him.

This transcription says he was born 4 Sep 1786 and died 30 Jun 1830.

Known Daughters
We know the names of Abraham's children from several records:

- In Nov 1822, Abraham and Susan baptized a son Peter Schwartz Martz in Milton.

- In 1838, Susanna Mertz baptized five children born between 1811-1827 in a Milton church: John born 11 Dec 1811, Abraham born 20 Jul 1814, Margaret born 5 Dec 1818, Catherine born 14 Jun 1819 and William Jackson born 20 Dec 1827.
- On 4 Nov 1858, Abraham Martz filed an Orphans Court petition saying Susannah Martz has lately died leaving himself, David Martz, John S Martz, Peter S Martz and William J Martz AND Elizabeth Waters, W A Covert, J W Covert, Maranda Covert, Catherine A Covert and James A Covert all children of Mary Covert deceased late Mary Martz AND Nancy Alexander, Mary Alexander and Margaret Alexander all children of Margaret Alexander deceased late Margaret Martz. Susannah died intestate leaving a bounty warrant dated 2 Aug 1858 for 160 acres, Abraham asks for a commissioner to decide what to do since "part of the heirs are scattered".

So we know Margaret and Catherine from the baptism record. Margaret was clearly the Margaret Alexander late Margaret Martz, deceased in 1858. Catherine, I would assume, was the Catherine Henderson, wife of William, that Susan was living with in 1850 — but she must have died without issue by 1858.

And then we learn of Mary from the court petition. I had been aware of her previous to finding that OC record from the work of Beryl Meehan who brought her to my attention.

Known Sons
Using the same sources, we know the names of Abraham's sons. Abraham Jr. and John are the easiest to track as they both lived their entire lives in Milton and are buried there. Both Abraham and John had the middle initial "S" — I would guess both had the middle name Schwartz.

Peter, who we know did have the middle name Schwartz, can be found in Pottsville in 1850 and 1860 and then Philadelphia in 1870, always as Peter S Martz. He died in Philadelphia in 1878.

But where was William J? I found a William Martz in 1860 in Pottsville, married with three children. I wasn't sure it was Abraham's son as there were no carry-throughs, but the age is about right and clearly some of Abraham's family lived in Pottsville at various times. Also, I don't know who else it could be.

But then I was searching in the Pennsylvania Septennial census and found that a William J Martz was listed in Philadelphia in 1863, who was he? Then I realized that the only other Martz I knew in Philadelphia was Peter Schwartz Martz who had been in Pottsville in 1860, then Philadelphia in 1870. He was William J on that census and William J in the 1870 and 1880 Census in Philadelphia.

And what about David, also mentioned in the OC petition? Three deeds tell the story. In 1834, John and David Martz bought a town lot in Milton. In 1836, John (clearly P1c1 whose wife was Elmira Hogendobler) and Elmira sold their half of that town lot to David. And then in 1841, David and Lucinda Mertz of Pottsville sold that lot. I think I found him in the 1840 Census as D Martz. But I have no idea what then ever happened to him.

There was a time when I believed that Abraham maybe had another son named Daniel, though I now think he didn't. Since both the names Daniel and David can sometimes be mis-transcribed as the other name, I looked hard at all three deeds where David was named to see if there was any chance it was Daniel not David, but all clearly said David, as did the OC petition.

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Spouse: **Susan Schwartz**[3,4]

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Birth: 1788
Birth Memo: (age 62 in 1850 Census)
Death: 20 Dec 1857
Death Memo: (Meiser transcription of Harmony/Milton Cemetery)
Burial: Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Parent-Proof

I believe her name was Schwartz. One of her sons was specifically baptized with that as his middle name and two others had middle initial S.

Find-a-Grave

Susan was not on find-a-grave but I found record of her burial in a transcription of Harmony Cemetery by Joseph A Meiser and so I added her. He had her placed as the wife of Abraham Jr. but that was in error.

Sources

1. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Mertz, Milton, North'd, PA, 3/3, 0/0, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.

2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abm Martz, Milton, North'd, PA, <5M, 5-9M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 40-49M, 10-14F (2), 15-19F, 30-39F.

3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Susan Martz, Milton, North'd, PA, 10-14M, 15-19M (2), 20-29M, 15-19F, 40-49F.

4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Susan Martz, 62, Milton, North'd, PA, lives with William Henderson 24 and Cathrine Henderson 29.

Name: **John S Martz (P1c1)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	11 Dec 1811
Birth Memo:	(date from baptism, find-a-grave and church death record say age 72, 8, 20 [15 Dec 1810])
Death:	4 Sep 1883
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Milton Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	Abraham Martz (P1c) (1786-1830)
Mother:	Susan Schwartz (1788-1857)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
There were several baptisms of Martzes in Milton. In Nov 1822, Susan and Abraham Martz baptized son Peter Schwartz. And then, later, Susan alone (I believe Abraham had died) in 1838, baptized John born 11 Dec 1811 and two additional sons and two daughters.

Abraham was the only Martz in Milton up to 1830 and then his widow Susan and also John were listed there in 1840. John clearly was the son of Abraham and is designated P1c1.

Discrepancies
His baptism record says born 11 Dec 1811 but his age and date of death as reported on find-a-grave indicates 15 Dec 1810 — it is close enough for me to believe it is the same guy, the question is which birth date is correct.

Since I believe he had a brother Daniel born in 1811, I think perhaps the 1810 date is the better.

Relocated and Census Tracking
John lived his life in Milton and was listed there in the 1840 through 1880 Census.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
John and Elmira are on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
From the 1850 Census, John had three sons born before 1850.

P1c1a Joseph Hogendobler born 1842
P1c1b John Frederick born 1844
P1c1c Peter R born 1847

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Spouse: **Elmira Hogendobler**

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Birth:	22 May 1819
Birth Memo:	(died at age 65/5/22 per find-a-grave)
Death:	13 Nov 1884
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Milton Cemetery, Milton, PA

Parent-Proof

Her maiden name is known from death certificates of daughter Elizabeth Hughes and sons Joseph (who was Joseph H and his name was given as Hogendobler on the 1850 Census), John F S and Harry L.

Find-a-Grave
She is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Martz, Milton, North'd, PA, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John S Martz, 37, Milton, North'd, PA, Elmira 31, Elizabeth 12, Susan 10, Hogendabler 8, John, 5, Peter 3, Elmira new born.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 46, Milton, North'd, PA, Elmira 41, Joseph 17, John F 15, Peter 12, Sarah H 8, Henry L 5, Thomas J 11 months, Celista Kull 17.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 59, Milton, North'd, PA, Elernra 51, Henry L 15, Thomas J 11, Peter 24, Sallie 20, Elizabeth Hughes 32, Ella Hughes 12, Susanna Hughes 11.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 68, Milton, North'd, PA, Elmira 60, Maud H 10.

Name: **Joseph Hogendobler Martz (P1c1a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 22 Jul 1842
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 25 May 1906
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Father: John S Martz (P1c1) (1810-1883)
Mother: Elmira Hogendobler (1819-1884)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Joseph as the son of John from his presence in his father's households in 1850 and 1860 Census as well his death certificate. He is designated P1c1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

Joseph lived in Milton in 1870 with his wife Susan and daughter Maud. Maud lived with her grandparents in 1880 and I cannot find Joseph and then he reappears in 1900 in Tamaqua with a different wife. My hunch is that Susan died before 1880 which is why Maud was sent to live her grandparents. Joseph might have been anywhere.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

I cannot find Joseph on find-a-grave.

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joseph Martz, 29, Milton, North'd, PA, Susan 26, Maud 1m.

2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Joseph H Murtz, 57, Tamaqua, Schuylkill, PA, Annie S 48, Hannah Bartlett.

Name: **John Frederick Martz (P1c1b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	28 Aug 1844
Birth Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Death:	29 Dec 1912
Death Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Burial:	Milton Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	John S Martz (P1c1) (1810-1883)
Mother:	Elmira Hogendobler (1819-1884)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know John as the son of John from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. In addition, his death certificate says so. He is designated P1c1b.

Relocated and Census Tracking

I was unable to find John in 1870 and 1880. The name was too common to be sure any were him without some additional identifying information. His death certificate says he died in Lycoming County so I know it's him in 1900 in Williamsport. He was married to Josephine (who was the informant on his death certificate).

So then a search for Josephine clarified things. In 1870 and 1880, he was listed as Frederick or Fredk S and he lived in Milton. Since his death certificate gave his name as John F S and since his wife always was Josephine, I'm sure it was him.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

John Frederick was not on find-a-grave but I found record of his burial in a transcription of Harmony Cemetery by Joseph A Meiser and so I added him. His death certificate said he was to be buried in Milton.

Josephine was also listed on the Meiser transcription.

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Spouse: **Josephine**

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Birth:	1850
Birth Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Harmony/Milton Cemetery)
Death:	1922
Death Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Harmony/Milton Cemetery)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Frederick Martz, 25, Milton, Northumberland, PA, Josephine 19.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Fredk S Martz, 38, Milton, North'd, PA, Josephine 30, Carrie M 6.

3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), John F Martz, 54, Williamsport, Lycoming, PA, Josephine 50, Gladys J 8.

Name: **Peter R Martz (P1c1c)**[1,2]

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Birth: 9 Aug 1847
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 11 Mar 1909
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Burial: Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father: John S Martz (P1c1) (1810-1883)
Mother: Elmira Hogendobler (1819-1884)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Peter as the son of John since he lived with his father in 1850-1870. He is designated P1c1c.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Peter lived with his parents in 1870 and I think his wife was Sallie also present in that household. Then in 1880, Peter still lived in Milton now with wife Claria.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
The informant on Peter's death certificate was Mrs. Peter R Martz. She said Peter's father's name was John Martz and his mother's name Clara Senseman. I think she was confused by the form and that was, in fact, her own name.

Peter R was not on find-a-grave but I found record of his burial in a transcription of Harmony Cemetery by Joseph A Meiser and so I added him. Clara was there too.

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Spouse: **Clara Senseman**

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Birth: 3 Oct 1853
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Marriage: 5 Jun 1873 Williamsport, PA
Marr Memo: (PA Church and Town Records, Ancestry.com)
Death: 5 Mar 1930
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Burial: Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Parent-Proof
Her death certificate says she was the daughter of Reuben and Mary Senseman.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Peter Marty, 33, Hughesville, Lycoming, PA, Clara 32, Mary B 5, Elmira 2.
2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Peter E Martz, 52, Milton Ward 3, North'd, PA, Claria 46, Elmira Lafevre 22, Harry Lafevre 27.

Name: **Abraham S Martz (P1c2)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	20 Jul 1814
Birth Memo:	(1838 baptism, Meiser transcription says 1816)
Death:	26 Dec 1880
Death Memo:	(Trinity Lutheran church records, age 65, 5, 2)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	Abraham Martz (P1c) (1786-1830)
Mother:	Susan Schwartz (1788-1857)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
There were several baptisms of Martzes in Milton. In Nov 1822, Susan and Abraham Martz baptized son Peter Schwartz. And then, later, Susan alone (I believe Abraham had died) in 1838, baptized Abraham born 20 Jul 1814 and two additional sons and two daughters.

He is designated P1c2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
His presence in Milton in 1850-1880 confirms he must certainly have been of the original Martz family of Milton, that of Abraham Sr.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Abraham was not on find-a-grave but I found record of his burial in a transcription of Harmony Cemetery by Joseph A Meiser and so I added him. Meiser showed his wife as Susannah but he had Abraham Jr. and Sr. mixed up.

Known Sons
Being just a little liberal with my rule of only tracking sons born before 1850, in Abraham's case, I have tracked both his sons:

P1c2a Frederick A born 1847
P1c2b Charles W born 1851

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Spouse: **Elizabeth G Sticker**

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Birth:	23 Oct 1826
Birth Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Marr:	12 May 1844
Marr Memo:	(newspapers.com issue dated 18 May 1844, "married Sunday last")
Death:	7 Feb 1915
Death Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name comes from death certificates of five of her children as well as her own which adds that she was the daughter of Frederick Sticker and Elizabeth Gift.

Children Names

Elis G Martz (with no named husband) baptized these children on 18 Jul 1857 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milton: Clara Elis b.31 Mar 1845, Frederick Alonzo b.7 Jan 1847, Fanny A b.8 May 1849, Charles W b.3 Jun 1851 and Lucinda H b.1 Jan 1854.

Find-a-Grave
Her death certificate says she was to be buried in Harmony Cemetery in Milton, like any number of her children and their wives. But find-a-grave had no record of any of them. But then I found record of all these burials in a transcription of what he called Harmony Cemetery (that may have included Milton cemetery too) by Joseph A Meiser and so I added them all including Eliza G.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Martz, 32, Milton, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 23, Clara 5, Frederick 3, Frances 1, David Shandoer 19.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham S Martz, 44, Milton, North'd, PA, Eliza 33, Clara E 15, Frederick 13, Fanny 11, Charles 9, Lucinda 6.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abram Mortz, 55, Milton, North'd, PA, Eliza 43, Charles 19, Lucinda 16, Kate 9, Angy 5.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Abram S Martz, 63, Milton, North'd, PA, Eliza G 53, Fredk A 33, Angie S 15.

Name: **Frederick A Martz (P1c2a)**

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Birth: 7 Jan 1847
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 1 Apr 1924
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Burial: Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father: Abraham S Martz (P1c2) (1814-1880)
Mother: Elizabeth G Sticker (1826-1915)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Frederick as the son of Abraham from his presence in his father's household in 1850, 1860 and 1880. In addition, his death certificate confirms it. He is designated P1c2a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
I cannot find Frederick in 1870, he was back with his parents in 1880 and then in 1900 he lived with his mother.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Frederick A was not on find-a-grave, but I found his burial listed by Joseph Meiser at Harmony (or Milton) Cemetery, so I added him. He was supposed to have been buried in Harmony Cemetery according to his death certificate.

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Known Sons
When I first began to track Frederick, I thought he never married. His death certificate and the 1900 Census both reported him as being single. But then one day I was working on "unattached" Martzes buried in Harmony Cemetery and I came across Mary E (1845-1932) and William (1870-1905).

In 1900, William was living with his mother Mary E and his wife Gussie (who shares his tombstone). After William died in 1905, Gussie remarried Harmon Bergenstock. I was trying to track her further when I emailed "Wendy" who maintained Harmon's find-a-grave memorial and she got back to me with a marriage record for Augusta Pfleeger and William Martz.

That led to an LDS record of their marriage and it gave the names of William's parents as Frederick and Mary Martz. (And Augusta (Gussie) was the daughter of William and unnamed wife.)

Checking further, I found that Frederick in 1880, though living with his parents with no wife present, said he was married and in 1900 he said he was widowed. So I believe Frederick in fact briefly married Mary E, had son William and then Frederick and Mary separated soon thereafter.

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Spouse: **Mary E**[1]

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Birth: 1845
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)

Death: 1932
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Mary E Marts, 35, Mcewensville, North'd, PA, William 10.

Name: **Charles W Martz (P1c2b)**[1]

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Birth:	1850
Birth Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Harmony/Milton Cemetery)
Death:	1922
Death Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Harmony/Milton Cemetery)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	Abraham S Martz (P1c2) (1814-1880)
Mother:	Elizabeth G Sticker (1826-1915)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Charles as the son of Abraham from his presence in his father's household in 1850-1870. In addition, his death certificate confirms it. He is designated P1c2b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Charles was not on find-a-grave but I found record of his burial in a transcription of Harmony Cemetery by Joseph A Meiser and so I added him. His death certificate said he was to have been buried in Harmony Cemetery.

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Spouse: **Margaret F Felmy**

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Birth:	20 Sep 1859
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	10 Feb 1916
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles W Martz, 28, Milton, North'd, PA, Maggie 23, William R 2, Abraham 1.

Name: **Peter Schwartz Martz (P1c3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 30 Jul 1822
Birth Memo: (Trinity Lutheran Church of Milton baptism record, baptized 3 Nov 1822, birth may be 3 Jun)
Death: 14 Mar 1878
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Mt Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA
Father: Abraham Martz (P1c) (1786-1830)
Mother: Susan Schwartz (1788-1857)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Abraham and his wife Susan baptized son Peter Schwartz Martz in Milton in Nov 1822. The sponsor was Catharina Shue. Peter is obviously is the same man who is buried in Philadelphia named Peter S Martz whose death certificate (which doesn't name his parents) says he was born in 1822 in Milton.

He is designated P1c3.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
He first moved to Pottsville by 1850 and then Philadelphia by 1870. I found record of his marriage in a USGenWeb archive on Schuylkill marriages. He married Mary Aurand in 1848, both of Pottsville.

Known Sons
He had just one son born before 1850, Francis D born 1849.

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Spouse: **Mary Ann Aurand**

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Birth: 1827
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marr: 10 Feb 1848
Marr Memo: (Schuylkill Marriages, US GenWeb, Die Stimme des Volks, 1832-1854)
Death: 27 Nov 1879
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Mt Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA

Parent-Proof
Her Philadelphia death certificate names no parents but says she was born in Pottsville.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter S Martz, 28, Pottsville South and, Schuylkill, PA, Mary 21, Francis 1, Ann Langton 19, John Bensinger 24.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter S Martz, 38, Pottsville, Schuylkill, PA, Mary 30, Francis, 10, Larah 8, Myrda 6, Harry 3, Ellen Sullivan 15 .
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Peter S Martz, 50, Ward 20 Dist 66, Philadelphia, PA, Mary A 40, Francis D 20, Laura C 20, Mary J 15, Harry C 15.

Name: **Francis (Frank) D Martz (P1c3a)**[1]

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Birth: 1849
Birth Memo: (Census and age 75 at death)
Death: 5 Feb 1924
Burial: Mt Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA
Father: Peter Schwartz Martz (P1c3) (1822-1878)
Mother: Mary Ann Aurand (1827-1879)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
A son Francis D was reported in Peter's household in 1850-1870. His death certificate says he was the son of Peter S Martz and Mary Aaurand (sic). He is designated P1c3a.

His death certificate also says he was single, never married and that he was to be buried at Mt Vernon where his parents were buried. But he is not on find-a-grave.

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Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Francis D Martz, 30, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA single.

Name: **David Martz (P1c4)**[1]

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Father: Abraham Martz (P1c) (1786-1830)
Mother: Susan Schwartz (1788-1857)

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Spouse: **Lucinda**

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Sources

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), P Martz [D Martz], Pottsville, Schuylkill, PA, 20-29M, <5F, 30-39 F.

Name: **William Jackson Martz (P1c5)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	20 Dec 1827
Memo:	(church baptism)
Death:	abt 1885
Memo:	(present in 1880 Census, his widow Mary listed on CW veterans Census in 1890)
Father:	Abraham Martz (P1c) (1786-1830)
Mother:	Susan Schwartz (1788-1857)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know William J from his baptism and the petition filed by his brother, Abraham, after their mother's death. I am sure I have found him in Census in 1860 in Pottsville and 1870 and 1880 in Philadelphia as his brother, Peter S, was in also in Pottsville in 1860 and then moved to Philadelphia.

William J is designated P1c5.

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Spouse: **Mary Thomas**

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Birth:	1 Feb 1831
Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Death:	4 Sep 1913
Memo:	(Death notice in Philadelphia Inquirer 8 Sep 1913)

Parent-Proof

The death certificate of Katie S Jones (1861-1939) says her parents were Wm Martz (born Germany, not accurate) and Mary Thomas (born Wales, which agrees with what Mary herself aid in the 1880 Census).

The death certificate of William J Martz (1854-1906) says his parents were William J Martz and Mary Thomas.

Her own death certificate also confirms her Wales birth, daughter of David H and Ann Thomas.

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 35, Pottsville, Schuylkill, PA, Mary 29, Clara 9, William 6, Mary 3, Edward 11 months, Lenah Thomas 16.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William J Martz, 45, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, Mary 39, Clara A 18, William 16, Emma 13, Edward 11, Kate 9 .

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William J Martz, 53, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, Mary 49, Clara 27, William J 25, Edwad 20, Kate 18, Howard 8, Joseph Richardson 28, Emma Richardson 22 (daughter).

Name: **Peter Martz (P1d)**[1,2]

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Birth:	abt 1788
Birth Memo:	(26-45 in 1800, 40-49 in 1830)
Death:	bef 17 Mar 1840
Death Memo:	(administrator of his estate appointed)
Father:	Peter Mertz (P1) (~1744-<1813)
Mother:	Susanna (>1755-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

This is the man known as Peter Jr. when letters of administration were issued for the estate of Peter Sr. in 1813. Of the three known sons of Peter Sr., Peter was most certainly the youngest. He was not baptized at Longswamp (or if he was it went unrecorded). So, it's curious that with Jonathan and Daniel both nearby, it was Peter Jr. who was named administrator.

Peter came to have a career as a politician. He may well have been involved in public service from an early age which might have made him the more logical choice to be his father's administrator.

I don't know when he was born, but from Census, late 1780's to early 1790's would be about right and from the ages of his known children, late 1780's.

Peter is designated P1d.

A few random citations about Peter help profile his somewhat short life:

In Herbert C Bell's History of Northumberland County, in a section on early newspapers, it says that Peter Martz put notice in the 24 Mar 1825 issue of "The Gazetteer" that he had sold the paper to James R Shannon.

Bell also described Sunbury of 1830 and the various buildings on Market Street. *"Sixty years ago (1830) the streets of Sunbury were green with grass, upon which sheep, geese, ducks, and cows pastured at will. The houses were nearly all constructed of wooden materials.....Between Fourth and Third: Young & Alter's store and John Young's residence, the former the brick building in which Reimensnyder's drug store is situated and the latter the frame house immediately adjoining on the west, both now owned by the Bassler estate; the frame residence of George Weiser, justice of the peace and subsequently associate judge; the frame residence of Peter Martz, afterward associate judge and member of the legislature..."*

Peter Jr. was a Commissioner of the Court of Common Pleas that heard the request of Frederick Hummel for a War Pension in 1833. He was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1833 and at some point probably after that became a Supervisor of the Sunbury Area canal system.

Relocated and Census Tracking

He was present in the 1820 and 1830 Census. In 1820, he was in Chillisquaque Township where his father had been living and then in 1830 in Sunbury. Tax lists show he was last listed in Chillisquaque in 1819 and first listed in Sunbury in 1820. (He was also listed in Chillisquaque in 1821 and 1822 but with some part of his listing being crossed out.) Peter died just prior to the 1840 Census.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Peter's estate entered administration 17 Mar 1840. The administrator, curiously, was Henry Gobin, why not his son Jonathan? As of summer 2015, he is not on find-a-grave.

Another curious thing is that there was no mention of his death in the various Sunbury newspapers of the day. He was a prominent citizen, had been an associate judge and a state legislator — he even owned one of the newspapers for a few years. And no mention whatsoever?

Discrepancies
There is clear record that the wife of Peter Martz was named Elizabeth. In 1817, Peter Mertz and wife Elizabeth of Chillisquaque sold five acres to John Call Jr. The five acres were part of an eleven acre tract Peter originally owned; he also had previously sold one acre to his father and later as Administrator of his father's estate sold that one acre.

The estate of Elizabeth Martz entered administration in 1842. Her main asset was her inheritance from her father's estate, she was the daughter of Henry Kline. The accounting for Elizabeth's estate in 1848 showed payments to apparently three heirs: Jonathan Purcell in right of his wife, Henry K Martz and J S Reed on behalf of John Martz. There is record that Jonathan Purcell married Susan, daughter of Peter Martz, Esq. in 1833.

So this is a nice clean record. Peter and wife Elizabeth had three children: Susan born about 1815, Henry K born about 1818 and John. I don't know when John was born but I doubt he was a minor in 1848. I'm not sure why the payment on his behalf was made to J S Reed but I suspect they didn't quite know where John was when the distributions were made. Peter died in about 1840 and Elizabeth just a year or two later.

But here's the rub: in 1842, a Mr. Straub presented to the PA Canal Commissioners the petition of Sarah Martz, widow of Peter Martz, for money due him for operating the locks on the West Branch Division of the PA Canal.

Sarah can then be found in the 1850 and 1860 Census and from Census and then her 1863 will, it is clear she had several children including John and possibly William and Sarah. John was born in about 1824 and William and Sarah a little later. I think her maiden name was Miller.

I have tried to see if I could come up with a "unifying theory" that would explain all the se "facts" and not be contradicted by any other. I simply am unable to solve this puzzle in any way that seems to feel right.

<u>Two Peter Martz.</u> The simplest and most obvious explanation is that there were two different Peter Martz, one married to Elizabeth, one to Sarah. But I just can't make that work.

- There was only ever one Peter Martz in the 1820 and 1830 Census. (Well he had a cousin Peter, son of David, who lived in Augusta Township but I know enough about him that I can ignore him for purposes of this discussion. His wife was Hannah, he later moved to Ohio and he is simply not relevant to the discussion here.)
- So to believe there were two different Peter Martz, you would have to believe that the one in Chillisquaque died in about 1820 (just before the Census, say) and the other one just appeared in Sunbury sometime in the 1820's. Chillisquaque Peter was married to Elizabeth Kline and Sunbury Peter to Sarah Miller.
- But there is no evidence of any Peter Martz dying in about 1820, no administration of his estate, no Orphans Court record appointing guardians for his minor children.

- And perhaps more compelling, the record of his and Elizabeth's daughter Sarah marrying said she was the daughter of Peter Martz, Esq. That title is hugely important. Clearly it is the title belonging to the Peter Martz who was the legislator and associate judge, the Peter Martz of Sunbury. And just as clearly, Elizabeth was the wife of Peter Martz of Chillisquaque.

<u>One Peter Martz, Two Wives.</u> The other perhaps obvious explanation is that there was only this one Peter Martz and he had two wives. But I just can't make that work either.

- Sarah survived to 1863, had there been two wives, she would have been the second.
- But Elizabeth lived until 1842, ruling out that Peter married second Sarah by 1824 when he had son John by her.
- I have considered that perhaps Elizabeth died much earlier than 1842, perhaps by 1824. The argument would be that it wasn't necessary to have an estate administration for Elizabeth when she died and it only became necessary after her father died in 1839. The "discordant note" is that nothing in Henry Kline's will implies that his daughter Elizabeth was deceased.
- And there is one more fact to consider. To believe there was one Peter with two wives, you have to believe that Peter had a son he named John by each wife. Both Johns survived to at least 1848.

<u>There Was No Sarah Martz, Wife of Peter.</u> So I'm left with this final theory. The record indicating that Mr. Straub filed for monies due Sarah Martz, widow of Peter, had some kind of egregious typographical error.

- It should be noted that a few days after Mr. Straub made that request, payments were approved to be made to Susan Martz. So there is some confusion in the record as to the name of Peter's widow.
- Maybe whatever her name was, her deceased husband was not Peter, maybe that's the typo. But I doubt that since it s known that Peter Martz, presumably Esq. had at one point been a canal supervisor.
- Could Elizabeth's full given name have been Sarah Elizabeth or Susan Elizabeth? Maybe but there is no instance where she ever was named that or even Elizabeth S or S Elizabeth.
- Could the payment request have been for Elizabeth all along corrupted to first Sarah and then Susan in the state records? I actually find this idea to have some plausibility. One very curious thing — perhaps coincidence, perhaps not — is that Straub's request was made 11 Mar 1842, it was approved (I think) on 15 Mar 1842 — and Elizabeth's estate entered administration 12 Mar 1842. It's like the whole issue of overdue payments to Peter came up (or moved forward) as part of Peter Purcell, administrator of Elizabeth, first getting involved in her affairs.

As of now, I am going with the theory that there was but one Peter and he had but one wife. Sara Miller was the widow of someone else.

Known Daughters

Richard J Martz found the notice in a local newspaper dated 10 Sep 1833 that Susan Martz, daughter of Peter, married Jonathan Pursel. He also found the accounting of Peter Purcell on the estate of Elizabeth Martz that payments were made to Jonathan Purcell in right of his wife.

I was able to track Jonathan and Susan to Indianapolis in the 1850 and 1860 Census. This is where Susan's brother Henry K also moved apparently earlier and both Susan and Henry K are buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery. She died in 1873 and from Census was born about 1815.

Jonathan and Susan had a son Peter Martz Pursell whose name I found on the Indianapolis marriage record of his daughter, Susan Gay Pursell.

Known Sons
Peter and Elizabeth had a son Henry K, he is designated P1d1 as I think he was their oldest son.

And they had a son John who I will designate P1d2, though I know very little about him.

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Spouse:	**Elizabeth Kline**

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Birth:	abt 1798
Birth Memo:	(estimate based on life events and ages of siblings)
Death:	bef 12 Mar 1842
Death Memo:	(long before?)
Father:	Henry Kline (-1839)

Parent-Proof
The will of Henry Kline of Chillisquaque Township was written 2 Mar and proved 1 Apr 1839. He named his sons Jacob and Joseph as his executors and said they were to make three annual payments to his daughters starting a year from when he died.

He did not name his daughters. He did not specifically say any were married. He did not say any had heirs. He did not say any were deceased.

I found Henry's son Jacob in Census and he was born in about 1804 and I found mention in Bell's History of Northumberland County that Catherine daughter of Henry Kline of Chillisquaque married George Troxell and from Census, I think Catherine was born about 1802.

Find-a-Grave
The estate of Elizabeth Martz entered administration 12 Mar 1842 with Peter Purcell as administrator. The accounting was filed in 1848 and showed cash received from Jacob Kline, Executor of the estate of Henry Kline and disbursements in three (almost) equal amounts to: Jonathan Purcell in right of his wife, Henry K Martz and J S Reed on behalf of John Martz.

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), Peter Mertz, Chillisquaque Twp North'd Co, PA, 1/2, 0/0, 1/0 0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Peter Mertz, Sunbury, North'd Co, PA, <5M (2), 40-49M, 10-14F (2), 15-19F, 20-29F.

Name: **Henry K Martz (P1d1)** [1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1818
Birth Memo: (42 in 1860, 47 in 1870, 61 in 1880, age 78 when died in 1892)
Death: 20 Feb 1892
Death Memo: (date of burial)
Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN
Father: Peter Martz (P1d) (~1788-<1840)
Mother: Elizabeth Kline (~1798-<1842)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Henry is known from the 1848 estate accounting of Elizabeth Martz as one of three heirs. Another heir was Jonathan Pursell in right of his wife who we know was Susan who was said to be the daughter of Peter Martz when she married Jonathan.

Relocated and Census Tracking
I found Henry K Martz, with that middle initial, in the 1870 Census in Indianapolis. He was born in Pennsylvania and the age looked reasonable for him to be the man I was looking for — but I needed more to believe it was really this particular Henry K Martz.

I found the proof I needed when I found that his sister Susan and her husband Jonathan Purcell had also moved to Indianapolis and when I found that they named a son Peter Martz Purcell, I felt things were quite nicely locked together.

Based on the names of his family members, I am sure he was also the man indexed as Henry Marks in Indianapolis in 1860. I think he already had family by 1850 but I am unable to find him in that Census.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Henry K is on find-a-grave, buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, where I also found his sister, Susan Purcell.

Known Sons
Henry K had several sons but none apparently born before 1850.

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Spouse: **Sarah E Denny**

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Parent-Proof
It is a guess, because of the Denny boys in Henry's 1860 and 1880 household, that his wife may have been their sister, Sarah Denny.

Sarah Denny was not yet married to Henry in 1850, so Henry's older children must have been by a first wife.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Marks, 42, Indianapolis Ward 4, Marion, IN, Sarah 29. Next door is a household headed by Mary Marks 18 with Emeline 15, William 7, August 1 month and unrelated people.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry K Martz, 47, Indianapolis Ward 1, Marion, IN, Sarah E 37, Emma 22, William 15, Edward 10, Ida Smith 10.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Henry K Martz, 61, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, Sarah E 45, William H 23, Eddie 18, James A Denna 28.

Name: **John Martz (P1d2)**

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Birth: abt 1825
Birth Memo: (just a wild guess really)
Father: Peter Martz (P1d) (~1788-<1840)
Mother: Elizabeth Kline (~1798-<1842)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know that Peter had a son John from the estate settlement after his wife Elizabeth died. That was in 1848 and the wording was payment made to "J S Reed on behalf of John Martz". My first thought is that John must have been a minor and maybe he was.

If we look at the headcount of persons by age group in Peter's household, in 1820, he had one son and one daughter both under the age of 10. That would be Susan (age 5 or so) and Henry K (age 2 or so). In 1830, there were two sons under 5 and two females 10-14 and one more 15-19. So 1830 is a bit of a puzzler. Susan was about 15 so she was there, but who were the other younger females? And where's Henry? And is John one of the two males under 5?

If John was a minor in 1848, he was born after 1830, and that just seems too big a gap after his older siblings. The 1830 Census may show that Peter was still having children as late as the late 1820's, however it's not clear those 1830 tick marks can be trusted. There was no Orphans Court action after Peter's death which we would have expected to find were John a minor when his father died.

In going through old Sunbury newspapers, I found one very curious item that might pertain.

It was originally published by The Spirit of Democracy (a paper from Woodsfield, OH) on 17 Dec 1851 and then picked up by the Sunbury American and published 3 Jan 1852 and by the Uniontown, PA Sentinel. It tells the story of the death of Ellen Martz (the Woodsfield paper consistently spelled the name Martry but it became Martz as picked up by the Sunbury paper). Ellen was supposedly about 17 years of age and died in in Calais, Monroe County, OH. She had come to that area about a year previous in the company of a man named John R (the story said "possibly K") Martz.

John was described as a tailor and a "gentleman having the protection and guardianship of a beloved sister". John and Ellen at first claimed to be siblings but eventually John left her and after that she confessed that her maiden name was Green, she was from Allentown, PA and she and John had been married. Among her remains was a diary kept supposedly by John Martz and in the diary there was "frequent mention of the towns of Sunbury and Hughsville, Pennsylvania and Brownsville and Danville, Indiana".

The things that resonate in this story with what we know about John, son of Peter and Elizabeth are:

1. His name especially if it was John K — his brother was Henry K and Elizabeth's maiden name was Kline.
2. John Martz of Sunbury might well have thought his sister was his guardian.
3. The frequent mention in his diary of Sunbury.
4. The mention of Brownsville, IN and Danville, IN — one a little east of Indianapolis and one a little west — Indianapolis being where both his sister and brother were living by 1851.

A later clipping in the 6 Mar 1863 Woodsfield paper reports the marriage of John Martz to Margaret Grosebaugh.

Name: **David Mertz (P2)**[1,2,3,4,5,6]

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Birth:	abt 1745 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(his will written in 1820, said he was near 75)
Death:	bef 9 Aug 1822
Death Memo:	(date will proved)
Father:	5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)
Mother:	5G GM Catharina

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

A man named David Mertz died in Northumberland County in 1822. His wife was named Barbara. It seems obvious that he was the David Mertz who was a sponsor with Barbara Miller -- both single -- in 1774 and 1776 at Longswamp baptisms. The earlier baptism was for David, son of Jacob Mertz and wife and the later one for Susanna, daughter of Philip Mertz and wife Eva. And then David Mertz and wife Barbara baptized children of their own starting in 1781.

There is no question in my mind that Jacob, David and Philip were brothers. They were not sons of Nicholas and so by the process of elimination, they must have been sons of Hans Peter. For most of Peter's sons, their birth date is not known with any real accuracy. But David at least gave us a real clue by stating in his 1820 will that he was nearing the age of 75 (thus born about 1745). Some of his brothers were named as single men on a 1767 tax list, and I would have thought David, had he been born in 1745, would also have been named on that list but in David's case it wasn't until 1770 (I'm not sure there was a 1768 or 1769 list) until David was named (also single). So maybe he was using the term loosely when he said he was nearing 75. In any event, having nothing better to go on, I have made David the second oldest son of Hans Peter, he is designated P2.

TOO MANY MEN NAMED DAVID MERTZ. There were several David Mertzes to keep track of in the latter half of the eighteenth and very early nineteenth centuries, though somewhat separated by age. There was of course the immigrant John David. But I believe he died by about 1752 or so. Starting in 1772, David Mertz was named frequently as a sponsor at various Longswamp baptisms of Mertz children. He was the David Mertz who married Barbara Miler and, counting John David Mertz as Generation 1 in America, this next David was Generation 3 -- the only David of his generation.

It is the multiple Davids of Generation 4 and 5 where things get confusing. It is at times tough to know who was who, a problem made more difficult because genealogists know that you can't always trust the meaning of the term Jr. or Sr. next to a person's name in those old days -- it at times simply meant older or younger, not necessarily father of or son of.

Discrepancies

There is a widely disseminated genealogy report entitled "merztdav.txt" written and submitted to the Northumberland County Genweb site by Allen Tallman. For a long time, I simply ignored this document because when I first glanced at it, I saw that it contained many factual errors and also had flawed conclusions based on established facts.

The biggest and unfortunately quite harmful mistake made by Allen Tallman was the assertion that the David Mertz who died in Northumberland County in 1822 was known as Heinrich in Berks County, and that he was the son of John Henry. So Tallman made up the name Heinrich David, even though never once did that name appear anywhere else. Tallman acknowledged that there were birth year discrepancies between Henry and David. And he seemed totally unaware that this David who he said (correctly) married Barbara

Miller -- was named several times, with Barbara Miler, as baptismal co-sponsors at Longswamp Reformed.

One of the arguments Tallman made to make the case that David Mertz was really Heinrich David is that when he witnessed his brother Jacob's will, he signed as Heyn David Mertz. And those three words in that order can, in fact, be found in that document. But Tallman, himself, listed the two witnesses to Jacob's will as: Andrious Heyn and David Martz. And, on closer inspection, it is the phrase "Andrious Heyn David Mertz" that appeared in Jacob's will. The two names are simply run on together. So Tallman totally contradicted his conclusion with his own evidence. His name was not Heinrich David.

Now this piece of fiction, that there was a man named Heinrich David Mertz, has been picked up and copied from one cut and paste genealogist to another so many times that his name appears today in over 600 family trees on the Ancestry.com website. To me, it's a sad commentary on the lack of real research being done by so many people who consider themselves genealogists.

But Tallman's work was where I learned that David gave his age in his will. That was very helpful. And Allen Tallman also did a great job of tracking David's descendants and I have found all of the documents he referred to and I have found this source to be quite accurate on those descendants, if not David himself.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP MERTZES. The story of this David is told in Genealogical and Biographical Annals of Northumberland County by J L Floyd (though this source also has many erroneous conclusions about the early Mertzes). "*David Mertz came with his brother Jacob from Berks County toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on Shamokin Creek, three miles south of Sunbury. He was a blacksmith, married Barbara Miller and they had 5 sons: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George -- all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, OH -- and two daughters: Susan married John Richstine and Elizabeth married Abraham Arter.*"

Floyd, Tallman and Meiser all seem to agree that David who married Barbara Miller was the David that bought farm number two in Manor Pomfret -- brother of Jacob who bought farm number three. I agree with that conclusion although I disagree strongly with the suggestion they all make that either David or Jacob had anything to do with the John Henry Mertz family of Rockland Township.

The Manor Pomfret was reserved for the Penn family when what is now Northumberland County first began to be settled. It encompassed what is now Sunbury and a fair amount of land to its east. Somewhere I got in my mind that the IOOF orphanage where my mother worked when she first came to Sunbury was more or less about where farm number one would have been back when David and Jacob acquired farms two and three. The orphanage no longer operates but as of 2015, the old buildings still stand.

From the time of their arrival in Northumberland County, this line of the family almost exclusively spelled the name Martz -- but I have chosen to place David in my database with the Mertz spelling and his descendants Martz.

David was named in the Pennsylvania Septennial Census of 1779, living in Longswamp Township, single.

In all other census, he was in Augusta Township, Northumberland County.

In 1790, he was listed together with Conrad, Jacob Sr. and Peter Mertz, all of whom were recent arrivals from Longswamp Township. In 1800, his neighbor was Jacob Martz. In 1810, his neighbors included several Martzes: Jonathan, Jacob (Jr.), David Jr. and Margaret (widow of Jacob Sr.). In 1820, no female of the right age was present though in his household, though his wife was still alive. Neighbors were John, Jonathan, David Jr. (45+) and Henry.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
David Martz was not on find-a-grave, but several of his children were and in many cases it was said about his children that their father was Heinrich David Martz. I contacted several of the people who maintain those memorials and got some of them to see the truth and change what they had written. But to better disseminate this message, I then created a memorial for David himself and set forth the truth there.

I have a copy of the Registrar's transcription of the will of David Mertz written 11 Sep 1820 proved 9 Aug 1822. He said he was verging on 75 years of age. He mentioned wife Barbara, sons Peter, George and Henry and granddaughter Rebecca Arter -- and it is clear there were other unnamed children. The will was witnessed by Jacob Mertz and Jacob Mertz Jr. David's brother Jacob had long since died. So I think it must have been David's nephew Jacob, P6b, and his great-nephew, P6a2.

Known Daughters
David and Barbara had two daughters.

1. Maria Elizabeth was baptized in Longswamp Township in 1781; she predeceased her father as reference was made to her daughter Rebecca Arter. Elizabeth was also mentioned in her brother David's will in 1851: *"Rebecca Arter the daughter of my sister Elizabeth Arter, formerly Martz".*

So Rebecca is an important person in helping sort out the too many Davids. She was mentioned in the wills of both David married to Barbara Miller as his granddaughter and of David who died a bachelor in Ohio as his niece. Clearly the latter David was the son of the former David.

Maria married Abraham Arter. (Maria's brother John married Abraham's sister Elizabeth). Abraham is buried in the St Peters (Blue) Church Cemetery, Northumberland County. Maria is probably also buried there too but no marker has been found. Her daughter Rebecca married John Adam Shissler but I have never tracked that family. John and Rebecca were living in Sunbury in 1853.

2. Susan was born on 21 Apr 1788, probably after the family had moved to Northumberland County. She died in 1874 in Peoria, IL.

Susan married John Richstine. She and her husband moved first to Butler County, Ohio in about 1836. They then moved to Montgomery County, OH in about 1844 to live with Susan's brother David. Finally about 1855, they moved to Peoria County, IL where their son John had previously moved. There they lived out their lives.

Susan and John had two children who married Mertzes. Their son Henry married Catharine Mertz and their daughter Elizabeth married John Mertz. John and Catharine were brother and sister, children of David Mertz and Magdalena Shissler.

Known Sons
The previously cited biography of David, published by J L Floyd, said David had five sons: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George. All of those but Henry moved to Ohio. David Jr. died in Germantown, Montgomery County, OH in 1851 and from his will as well as a division of his property after his death, all of the then surviving heirs of David Sr. were mentioned.

And we learn from those documents that David Sr. also had a son John who pre-deceased him. I think John was the oldest son thus designated P2a, followed by David Jr. P2b, Abraham P2c, Henry P2d, Peter P2e and George P2f.

Spouse: Barbara Miller[8]

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Birth:	abt 1758
Marriage:	abt 1780 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA[7]
Marr Memo:	(David was single in 1779, they baptized a child in 1781)
Death:	Jul 1834
Death Memo:	(26 Jul 1834 Sunbury Gazette -- Ann Barbara Martz widow of David died a few days ago in the 76th year of her age)
Father:	Jacob Miller
Mother:	Magdalena

Parent-Proof
A lot of sources identify David's wife as Barbara Miller and his brother Jacob's wife as her sister Margaret Miller. A study of the Longswamp Reformed records clearly shows a close connection between the Mertz family and the Miller family especially as it relates to David and Jacob. We do know her name was Barbara and the fact that Barbara Miller (single) and David sponsored baptisms in 1774 and 1776 fits a pattern I have noticed that such a record is, in many cases, a precursor to a later marriage. I believe she was Barbara Miller, I really have no proof of that. **[See also Margaret Miller, wife of Jacob Martz (P6)]**

David and Barbara are one of many examples of my theory that baptisms were like the "singles bars" of the late 1700's – two single people named as sponsors often later married. But interestingly, David Mertz had stood before 1774 as sponsor with Elisabeth Carl and then Barbara Drescher, then 1774 with Barbara Miller. In 1775, he appeared with Magdalena Klein and then in 1776 with Barbara Miller again -- a long and winding courtship.

A very interesting 1836 deed records that Peter (P2e, David's son) and his wife Hannah Martz sold a tract of 150 acres to Jacob Martz (P6a2, I think). This tract was part of a larger tract inherited by Thomas Hamilton and Margaret Miller and Margaret's moiety half became vested in David Martz whose estate sold it to Peter. I think the Margaret Miller here was the mother of Barbara (Miller) Martz. Yes, elsewhere I suggest that Margaret (Miller) Martz was the sister of Barbara (Miller) Martz and that Margaret's mother was named Magdalena. I cannot explain this discrepancy — was there a mistake in one or the other documents and Magdalena was Margaretha or vice versa?

Census History
In 1820, she should be listed in the 45+ age bracket but no female of that age was present in her husband's household, so there must be a typo in the enumeration of females by age bracket.

1830. Barbara Martz lived in Augusta Township. She was 80-90. A neighbor was Peter Martz 20-30.

Sources

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3. "1790 Census," HOH, Place, M>15, M<16, F), David Mertz, North'd Co, PA, 1,5,3.

4. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), David Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 2/0, 3/1, 1/0, 0/0, 1/1.

5. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), David Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 0/0, 0/0, 3/1, 0/0, 1/1.

6. 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), David Martz Sr., Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 0/0, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 1/1, 1/0.

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8. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Barbara Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 5-9M, 30-39M, 40-49M, 80-89F.

Name: **John Martz (P2a)**[1]

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Birth:	22 Dec 1780 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave, from Meiser, not sure the basis)
Death:	30 Apr 1815 Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA
Death Memo:	(newspaper notice)
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father:	David Mertz (P2) (~1745-<1822)
Mother:	Barbara Miller (~1745->1830)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd, Joseph A Meiser and Allen Tallman are in agreement on the names of David's children and who they married except Meiser and Tallman both show an extra son John. Tallman says he was born in 1774. Meiser says he was born 22 Dec 1780.

I agree that there was a son John, it is proven by the probate files of David's known son, David, who died in 1851 in Ohio and whose will and later property division named five brothers including John, deceased.

However, he was not born in 1774 as David Mertz and Barbara Miller were both still single as late as 1779. Meiser may be exactly right that he was born 22 Dec 1780 but I have no idea what the basis is of knowing that. He would have been baptized at Longswamp Reformed but no record of such a baptism exists. Meiser listed him on a transcription of Blue Church burials with that birth date and said he died 22 Sep 1852. That is clearly wrong and contradicted in his own book where it says he died in about 1814.

Since the birth date actually fits all the known facts, I have used that as his birth date. It is not proven but it is in the ballpark. My only other thought is that David also baptized an unnamed son born 1 Jun 1782. I think that child was maybe named Jacob and he died young but I cannot rule out it was John.

The fact that John was not mentioned by Floyd as a son of David is not really a problem since we know that John died very young and perhaps was simply overlooked by Floyd.

John was David's oldest son and is designated P2a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE SHAMOKIN TOWNSHIP/SNYDERTOWN MARTZES. A John Martz showed up in Shamokin Township in the 1810 Census, the earliest Martz in that specific place. In 1820, John was not listed in Census but Widow Martz was and in 1830 this same (I assume) woman was named Elizabeth Martz. Finally, in 1850 we learn that Elizabeth was then about 70 years old -- thus born about 1780.

Everything fits with all the known facts that this was John, son of David, whose wife was Elizabeth Arter.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

A notice in the 12 May 1815 Sunbury Republicaner newspaper says: *"Died, Sunday before last, John Merz of Shamokin Twp."* The date of death indicated was 30 Apr 1815.

There is a perfect and consistent fit between that death notice and what Census tells us about John of Shamokin Township, what Orphans Court records tell us about John, what we learn from his wife's will and what we learn from his brother's probate files.

John Martz is on find-a-grave. The initial memorial posted there was based on Joseph Meiser's erroneous transcription 22 Dec 1780-22 Sep 1852. I convinced them to fix the date of death to conform to the newspaper notice. As of the summer of 2015, that is where things stand. Curiously, no mention of John was noted by Gearhart in his 1937 transcription of St Peter's. I doubt there is a surviving tombstone.

Known Daughters
At St. Peter's (Blue) Church, Johannes and Elisabeth baptized Susan in 1813. There was a petition filed with the Orphans Court April Term 1827 in connection with John Mertz, deceased wherein Susan, minor daughter of John Mertz deceased, under the age of 14, petitioned that a guardian be appointed for her. She was not mentioned though in her mother's will or her uncle's property division, so she died before 1852, perhaps long before.

The will of Elizabeth Martz of Shamokin Township named two daughters: Maria wife of Samuel Raup and Elizabeth wife of Reuben Snyder. Maria and Elizabeth were also named in the property division of their Uncle David after he died.

Known Sons
Like his daughters, we know the names of John's sons and even certain facts about them from a baptism record, petitions filed with the Orphans Court after John's death, the property division of their uncle and from Elizabeth's will.

DAVID. The will of Elizabeth Martz of Shamokin Township was written 27 Apr 1852 and proved 11 Nov 1852. She named four children: David, Maria wife of Samuel Raup, Elizabeth wife of Reuben Snyder and Jesse deceased left two daughters.

Turning to the property division for David who died in Ohio in 1851, it specifically stated that John was deceased and named David Martz and Maria Raup as John's heirs. It then separately named Elizabeth wife of (hard to read) and two daughters (Susannah and Elizabeth) of Jesse Martz, deceased. At first glance and from the way the heirs were listed, it might seem that Elizabeth and Jesse were David's siblings but his deceased sister Elizabeth was already accounted for and the fact that Jesse (deceased) had two daughters is consistent with Elizabeth's will. I believe the petition was including Elizabeth (Martz) Snyder, wife of Reuben, and Jesse's daughters as John's heirs.

In the 1810 Census, John had two sons under the age of 10. In the 1820 Census, Elizabeth, his widow, had 2 sons 10-15 and 1 under 10. We know from his tombstone that David was born in 1808. So Jesse must be the other son born before 1810 and clearly John Jr. was the youngest son. Of these three, I think David is the only one who was ever listed in Census and the only one who had male heirs. David is therefore the only son given a designation: P2a1.

JESSE. Jesse made a faint imprint on history. Allen Tallman lists him as a son of John and Elizabeth Arter. Meiser also shows him, citing Tallman as his source. Reference is made to estate papers in connection with both John's and Elizabeth's estate mentioning Jesse, as a minor when John died and himself deceased when his mother died.

Then there is the "abstract" I have of the Ohio Chancery Court records regarding the sale of the land of David Martz in Germantown after he died and how the proceeds were to be

shared. Since John had died, his son David and daughter Maria were listed and since Jesse had also died, his children were also listed.

I believe from Census tick marks he was born before 1810, so about 1809. I think maybe he married about 1834 and died about 1837. He never was listed in Census. His daughters, known from his uncle's property division, were Susanna and Elizabeth.

His Northumberland County will proved 23 Aug 1837 with Geo C Welker executor.

JOHN. Joseph A Meiser and Allen Tallman list John as the son of John (son of David and Barbara). They say he was born about 1807 and Tallman shows a marriage for this John to Sarah in about 1825. Tallman further says that Sarah was listed in the 1850 Census in Lower Augusta Township with two grandchildren -- William and Sarah -- children of Sarah's son John. Meiser also shows Sarah as John's wife, shows four children for this couple, and also adds that Sarah was in the 1850 Census with those two grandchildren.

POPPYCOCK. That is quite simply totally wrong. Johannes and Elisabeth baptized son Johannes at St. Peter's Lutheran (Blue) Church, he was born 7 Apr 1815.

This was the same John then who was the subject of a petition filed with the Orphans Court April Term 1827 wherein John Erter (the signature looks more like Arter) stated he was guardian for and had received some money on behalf of John Mertz, minor son of John Mertz, deceased and wished to pay a successor and then be discharged from his duties. And Elizabeth, the widow, petitioned for a guardian to be appointed for John, a minor under the age of 12, because his previous guardian John Erter (Arter) had been discharged.

John was born in 1815. I do not believe he married. I know he had no (surviving) children.

I do not know when exactly John died but I can't find him in the 1840 Census. He was named in Bell's History of Northumberland County: *"In the 1830's, Jesse, David and John Martz operated a blacksmith shop on Market Street in Sunbury."* I believe both John and Jesse died in the late 1830's and that is about when David moved to Venango County.

At least Tallman and Meiser were aware that John had died before his mother's will was written in 1852 naming her children not including John so he clearly pre-deceased her. But they ignore that neither his mother's will nor the property division for John's uncle named any heirs for John. No children, no grandchildren. Lastly, they ignore that the Census listing for the Sarah they are talking about in 1850 gives her age as 54, thus born in 1796, and that is not a typo. Sarah was not this John's wife.

Spouse: **Elizabeth Arter**[2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	4 Dec 1777	Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(death record)	
Marriage:	abt 1805	
Death:	24 Sep 1852	
Death Memo:	(death record)	
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA[6,7]	
Father:	J Jacob Arter	
Mother:	Anna Maria Diehl	

Parent-Proof
Her death record named her parents as John Arter and Anna Maria Diehl. She was born in Berks County 4 Dec 1777.

Everything else I know about her conforms to that. We know from Census that her name was Elizabeth and we know from Orphans Court records that John Arter was appointed guardian for John (Jr.) after the death of John. An 1810 deed (Deed Book Q) lists her as an heir of John Arter and wife of John Martz -- the heirs were giving the land for St Peter's Church in Shamokin Township.

Elizabeth's brother Abraham married John's sister Maria Elizabeth.

Census History
Starting in 1820, after her husband died, she was variously listed as ether Widow or Elizabeth in Shamokin Township in 1820-1840. In 1850, Elizabeth Mertz age 70 lived in Shamokin Township with her daughter Elizabeth who had married Reuben Snyder and the three Snyder children: Ellen 7, David 6 and Sarah 4.

Find-a-Grave
Her death record says she died 24 Sep 1852 and was buried at St Peter's Blue Church. Joseph Meiser picked up her birth and death date and place probably from that death record and listed her in his transcription of burials at St Peter's.

Elizabeth Martz is on find-a-grave, based I think on Meiser. Curiously, no mention of her was noted by Gearhart in his 1937 transcription of St Peter's. I doubt there is a surviving tombstone. I could not find one when I walked that cemetery.

The will of Elizabeth Martz of Shamokin Township was written 27 Apr 1852 and proved 11 Nov 1852. She named her four children: David, Maria wife of Samuel Raup, Elizabeth wife of Reuben Snyder and Jesse deceased left two daughters. She mentioned some tract of land previously agreed to be sold to Reuben Snyder.

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), John Martz, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 2/1, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. LDS Film 961017. Death record for Elizabeth Martz: she was the daughter of John Arter and Anna Maria Diehl. She was born in Berks County 4 Dec 1777, died 24 Sep 1852 and was buried at St Peter's Blue Church.
3. 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), Widow Widow Mertz, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1/2, 2/1, 0/0, 0, 0/1, 0/0.
4. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Elizabeth Martz, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 20-29F, 50-59F.
5. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Widow Marty, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 20-29F, 60-69F.
6. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Martz, 70, Shamokin, North'd, PA lives with Rubin and Elizabeth Snyder.

Name: **David Martz (P2a1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	8 Nov 1808 Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(Age 53m, 7m, 27d on tombstone per find-a-grave)
Death:	5 Jul 1862
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Zion Union, Venango Co, PA
Father:	John Martz (P2a) (1780-1815)
Mother:	Elizabeth Arter (1777-1852)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know David as the son of John from the estate files associated with John's brother David Martz who died in Ohio in 1851 and named the children of his deceased brother John. And David was named as the Executor of his mother's will when she died in 1852. He is designated P2a1.

The problem was finding him. My assumption was that he must have stayed locally to be the Executor but he was not to be found in any Census in Northumberland County.

I was aware of a David Martz in Venango County of the right age to be him -- but that was not enough. I needed to find something that proved he was the right David. And I finally found it. There was a newspaper advertisement and/or article that appeared in any number of newspapers across the country in 1879 or so seeking the heirs of a Wilhelm Mertz who died in Germany with a small fortune and no German heirs. People who thought they might be entitled to a share of Wilhelm's estate were requested to write a letter to Rev. George Jacob Martz. It'a quite interesting how many letters came in. I have learned a lot about many of the Mertz and Martz families of that era from those letters including there's nothing like the promise of money to get people to take the time to write long letters to a stranger.

For example, John Martz of Venango County wrote, in 1881: *"My father's name was David Martz. He was born in Northumberland County. He married Catherine Zimmerman. My father had two brothers and three sisters. They are Jesse, John, Mariah, Susan and Elizabeth. My father's father was John. He had five brothers and one or two sisters. This is about all I know. My oldest brother may know more. He lives in the West. There are three brothers and a sister living. My father is dead. He died in 1863. Mother is still living."*

From Census, I knew that the wife of David of Venango County was Catherine, that he had a son John who was age 22 in 1860 and that David was no longer present in the 1870 Census but the remainder of his family was. This was the proof of everything.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

Herbert C Bell in his History of Northumberland County described Sunbury of 1830 and the various buildings on Market Street. *"Market Street was then, as now, the business thoroughfare of the borough....Between Third and Second....Henry Shissler's residence, now owned by Mrs. Louisa Shissler; the blacksmith shop of Jesse, David, and John Martz; the old jail building at the corner of Center alley, then the Farmers' Hotel, kept by William Shannon."*

I believe that both John and Jesse died in the 1830's and perhaps that precipitated David Martz' decision to move elsewhere and by 1840, he had moved to Venango County.

He was still there in 1850, indexed as Mats, and he was there in 1860, then only his widow Catherine after that.

Death and Find-a-Grave
David is on find-a-grave.

David wrote his will 28 May 1861, it proved 9 Jul 1863. David seemed to have listed all his children: John, David, Samuel, Elizabeth, Sarah, Hetty and Anne Mary. But he made no mention of his oldest son, Jesse. I'm sure he was still alive, in fact David mentioned his land in Minnesota where Jesse lived. Very curious.

Known Daughters
From Census: Betsy, Sarah, Hester or Ester and Mary.

Mary married Alexander V Orr. She died young.

In 2020, I found a DNA cousin who descends from David's daughter Sarah whose death certificate says she was born in Northumberland County in 1836, married John Seip in Venango County and died in Holt County, Missouri in 1913.

Known Sons
From Census: Jesse, John, Harry, David and Samuel. Harry died at age 19, I'm not sure what happened to David. Jesse, John and Samuel are documented further.

Spouse: Catherine Zimmerman[4,5]
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Birth:	31 Dec 1810
Birth Memo:	(age 74y 1m 20d on tombstone per find-a-grave))
Death:	20 Feb 1885
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Zion Union, Venango Co, PA

Parent-Proof
When I found the letter from her son seeking his fortune, I learned her maiden name. I assume David married her in Northumberland County but I don't really know that.

The fact that her name was Zimmerman is confirmed by the death certificates of two of her sons, though her daughter Sarah's Missouri death certificate says she was Catherine Hartman — I think a simple mistake.

Census History
She survived her husband and was listed in Venango County in 1870 and 1880.

Find-a-Grave
Catherine is on find-a-grave. I added her maiden name to her memorial, it may have been unknown by anyone before that.

Sources
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2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Mats, 43, Richland, Venango, PA, Catharine 31, Jesse, 18, Betsy 15, Sarah 13, John 11, Harry 9, David 7, Hette 6, Samuel 4, Mary new born.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Martz, 53, Richland, Venango, PA, Catherin 50, John 22, Elizabeth 26, David 18, Ester 15, Saml 13, Mary 11.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Catharine Martz, 51, Richland, Venango, PA, Mary 20, Hester 25.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Catharin Martz, 69, Richland, Venango, PA.

Name: **Jesse Martz (P2a1a)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1831
Birth Memo: (Census)
Father: David Martz (P2a1) (1808-1862)
Mother: Catherine Zimmerman (1810-1885)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Like his brother John, Jesse Martz of Le Roy, Minnesota also wrote a letter to Rev. George Jacob Martz: *"My brother John Martz from Venango County, PA [contacted me]...Our parents moved away from the relations when I was young. I am the oldest in my family. I was born in Sunbury, PA in 1832. My father was David and he was born in Skinohen [Shamokin] Valley in 1806. His father died when he was eight years old. He was the oldest child. He died in 1863. I know little about my grandfather. I think his name was John. From Penna three brothers moved to Southern Ohio near a place called Germantown where one of my grandfather's brothers was still living, though blind, in 1855. Another brother had died a bachelor a short time before and left some property to be divided among his brothers. My grandfather was one of them now being deceased, the estate fell to his children."*

So Jesse was quite alive in 1881 when he wrote that letter, he clearly was talking about his father David of Venango County who died in 1863. So why wasn't he mentioned in his of other's will? It would give me pause but there are too many other facts that prove the relationship. Jesse is designated P2a1a.

His reference to the blind brother is interesting. The only one of the Germantown brothers still alive in 1855 was George, who I have observed never seemed to have lived alone.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

Jesse lived still in Venango in 1860 and then moved to LeRoy, Mower County, MN by 1870. I also found him in the Minnesota Territorial Census.

Death and Find-a-Grave

As of summer 2015, Jesse does not appear to be on find-a-grave.

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jesse Martz, 29, Richland, Venango, PA, Hester 27, Saml D 3, Mary J 2.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jesse Martz, 38, LeRoy, Mower, MN, Esther D 37, Samuel 14, Joseph W 12, Howard 10, Franc 8, Nora A 3, Jesse 1.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jesse Wartz, 48, LeRoy, Mower, MN, Esther D 47, William J 22, Charles H 20, Franz S 17, Nora A 13, Hannah J 11.

Name: **John Martz (P2a1b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	25 Jan 1838 Westmoreland Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(death certificate)
Death:	27 Sep 1919
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Zion Union, Venango Co, PA
Father:	David Martz (P2a1) (1808-1862)
Mother:	Catherine Zimmerman (1810-1885)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know John from Census where he was listed with his father David and from his 1881 letter seeking his fortune and providing quite detailed information about his father but also his grandfather and *his* brothers. He is designated P2a1b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

John is on find-a-grave. I also found his death certificate from which I learned the maiden name of his mother.

Spouse: **Sue A Swentzel**

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Birth:	1841
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1919
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Zion Union, Venango Co, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 31, Richland, Venango, PA, l/w Catharine.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 42, Richland, Venango, PA, Susa A 39.

3. Vital Record "PA Death Certificate," 1906-1963, Repository: Ancestry.com, John Martz b. 25 Jan 1838 Westmoreland Co d. 27 Sep 1919 Venango Co s/o David and Catherine (Zimmerman) Martz.

Name:	**Samuel Martz (P2a1c)**[1]
Birth:	27 Feb 1847
Birth Memo:	(death certificate)
Death:	24 Jun 1910
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Zion Union, Venango Co, PA
Father:	David Martz (P2a1) (1808-1862)
Mother:	Catherine Zimmerman (1810-1885)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Samuel from Census where he was listed with his father David. He is designated P2a1c.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Samuel is on find-a-grave. I looked up his death certificate which confirms his date of birth and date of death and the name of his father. Curiously, it says both his parents were born in Germany. At least in the case of his father, that statement is 3 generations off.

Many of Samuel's descendants are buried near him in the same cemetery.

Spouse:	**Sarah E Gilger**
Birth:	1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1908
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Zion Union, Venango Co, PA

Find-a-Grave
Sarah is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martey, 33, Richland, Venango, PA, Sarah 32, Kate 12, Edward 11, Samuel 7, Harry A 1.
2. Vital Record "PA Death Certificate," 1906-1963, Repository: Ancestry.com, Samuel Martz of Rockland Twp, Venango Co, PA, b.27 Feb 1847, d.24 Jun 1910 son of David Martz and unnamed mother. Parents born Germany.

Name: **Jesse Martz (P2a2)**[1]

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Birth:	1809 Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA
Memo:	(listed 4th in order of children in OC record, on Sunbury 1830 tax list as single)
Death:	bef 23 Aug 1837
Memo:	(date will proved)
Father:	John Martz (P2a) (1780-1815)
Mother:	Elizabeth Arter (1777-1852)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Jesse made a faint imprint on history. But we know he existed. He was first named in Orphans Court records as a minor under the age of 14 when his father died in 1815 and then listed as deceased leaving two daughters in both the will of his mother and the estate settlement of his uncle.

I don't know for sure when he was born but there are clues. I believe from Census tick marks he was born before 1810. He was listed fourth — after David, Anna and Maria — on his mother's petition to the Orphans Court. He was first listed as a single taxpayer on an 1830 Sunbury tax list. All this points to possibly an 1809 or so birth. I think maybe he married about 1831 and died about 1837. He never was listed in Census. His daughters, known from his uncle's property division, were Susanna and Elizabeth.

In 1834, he was appointed administrator of his wife's estate. Her name was Susan and his sureties were John Richstine and John Martz. John Martz was no doubt his brother, John Richstine was an uncle, married to Jesse's aunt, Susan Martz. It makes me wonder if perhaps Jesse's wife was Susan Richstine.

Jesse's Northumberland County will proved 23 Aug 1837 with Geo C Welker executor.

Even though Jesse never was listed as head of household in any Census, he did reach adulthood, married and had children. He is designated P2a2.

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Spouse: **Susan**[2]

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Name: **David Martz (P2b)**[1,2]

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Birth:	5 Sep 1784	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Death:	8 Jul 1851	Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH[3]
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Father:	David Mertz (P2) (~1745-<1822)	
Mother:	Barbara Miller (~1745->1830)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know this David, son of David, from his baptism at Longswamp Reformed in 1784. He was born 5 Sep 1784 according to his tombstone, consistent with his 15 Oct 1784 baptism.

His story as an adult is intertwined with that of his siblings -- Peter, Susan, Abraham and George. They all moved to Ohio in the 1830's or so. They ended up a little scattered in Ohio but David and his brothers Peter and George ended up in Germantown, Montgomery County, OH. His sister Susan and her husband lived there for a period of time too, with David. David never married. He is designated P2b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
David was born in Longswamp Township and came to Northumberland County with his parents before 1790.

He is somewhat elusive in Census. I cannot find him in 1830 in Northumberland County (or in Ohio, though I don't think he had yet moved there) nor in Ohio in 1840 when I do think he was there. However, in 1840, in the household of Peter Marts there are three adult males ages 40-60 and just one adult female so I think David was there. And at first I couldn't find David in 1850, because he was indexed David Merty, but when I looked for his sister Susan and her husband John Richstine, I found them listed right next to David -- in fact apparently with him on his farm.

Allen Tallman was a descendant of David's sister Susan who married John Richstine. While I think Tallman failed to get things right as it relates to the early Mertzes who moved from Berks to Northumberland County, I think he was very thorough and I trust his research on the children of David and Barbara, including Susan, who moved to Ohio.

"John and Susannah Richstine lived in Northumberland County from their marriage until 1836 when they removed to Butler County, Ohio. John and Susannah then removed to Montgomery County, Ohio about 1844. This move was to Susannah's brother David who was living in German Township, on a farm he had purchased in 1836. Their children went to different areas. Some stayed in other townships in Butler County and others left Ohio for Iowa and Indiana. Margaret, John and Susannah's youngest daughter stayed with them and went to Montgomery County.

David Martz was 60 years old when John and Susannah came to live with him and its a good possibility that he was not able to farm. So John Richtstine could have taken over the responsibility of the farm for David Martz. John was several years younger than David and John Richtstine lived to be over 91 years old. He must have been in much better physical condition than David. David died only 6 or 7 years after John and Susannah Richtstine arrived in German Township in about the year 1844.

David Martz never married so when he died he divided his estate between his brothers and sisters and an item in his will gave Susannah (Martz) Richtstine $1000 to purchase a home. Susan did buy a place in 1853 which they then sold in 1855.

After the sale and because his plans to buy land in Iowa near his son John Jr. fell apart because of his son's death in December 1850, John and Susannah decided to move near their daughter Elizabeth, who had married her cousin John Martz, in Brimfield Township, Peoria County, IL. John and Elizabeth Martz had moved there earlier and John and Susannah Richtstine purchased an 80 acre farm next to John and Elizabeth Martz. John Richtstine built a home on this 80 acres and farmed this land from 1855 until his death in 1881. Although they gave this land by deed to their daughter Margaret, John still farmed it until his death."

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Death and Find-a-Grave

David died in Montgomery County, OH and between his very detailed will and the court records which document how the proceeds from the sale of his land were divided amongst his heirs, he left us very complete documentation of the surviving members of the family of David and Barbara Mertz -- his siblings or their heirs. We owe David Jr. a debt of gratitude for documenting his family so well. It would be great if there was an unmarried uncle in every family.

David's will was written 9 Jun 1851 and proved 13 Aug 1851. He was of German Township, Montgomery County, OH. He made several specific cash bequests to certain people, then the residue of his estate was to be sold and split into seven shares: 1. Rebecca Shisler (married daughter of his deceased sister Elizabeth), 2. the heirs of his deceased brother John, 3. the heirs of his deceased brother Henry, 4. the heirs of his deceased brother Abraham, 5. Susannah Richstine, 6. Peter and 7. George.

I also made a point to order LDS Fiche 6125493, Chancery Court Records 1824-1854, Montgomery County, Ohio. There I found a petition to sell David's German Township land which was left to his brothers and sisters. It listed out the nieces and nephews only referred to as heirs in his will. It took some effort to properly identify who was who but they were: David Mertz, Maria Raup and Elizabeth Snyder — children of John plus Susanna and Elizabeth daughters of John's deceased son Jesse, Catherine, Solomon and Nathan — children of Henry and Daniel and Sarah Eckhart — children of Abraham.

Sources

1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 15 Oct 1784. David Mertz s/o David and Wife baptized. Sponsors: Christian Miller and wife Barbara. Christian Miller may be the brother-in-law of David the father.

2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Merty, age 65, owns land but not listed as a farmer, lives apparently with John Richtine 59 and wife Susan 61 and their daughter Margaret 24.

3. Published Family Histories. "IBID. Tallman." David Mertz Jr. moved to Ohio. Gives dod and place of burial. He left a very detailed will.

Name: **Abraham Martz (P2c)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 1785
Death: 1848 Butler Co, OH
Father: David Mertz (P2) (~1745-<1822)
Mother: Barbara Miller (~1745->1830)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Abraham as David's son because his brother David named him in his will: "my brother Abram's heirs". When David's estate was settled those heirs were then named: David (a typed transcription refers to him mistakenly as Daniel) and Sarah wife of John Eckhart "all of Butler County, OH".

No baptism was recorded at Longswamp for Abraham. Some went unrecorded so it may be his was one of them or perhaps he was born after the family moved to Northumberland County. His age bracket in Census places his birth sometime in the 1780's. 1785 is just a ballpark estimate.

I know the birth dates of David's other sons, so Abraham is placed as his third son only based on my ballpark estimate of his 1785 birth. He is designated P2c.

Relocated and Census Tracking

Allen Tallman wrote this about Abraham. *"Abraham Martz married in 1808 Mary J Reed, daughter of Christopher Reed. Soon after Abraham and Mary married they removed to Butler County, Ohio. Some say Abraham moved with his father-in-law but Christopher purchased his land in 1807 which would indicate Christopher Reed may have moved earlier. Abraham and Mary later lived on this land and worked it while the country was wild and undeveloped. His father-in-law gave him a free hand on this land and Abraham soon owned it. Upon this place is an old stone house built in 1815 by either Christopher or Abraham. When built, it was considered quite an elegant residence, and was among the best buildings of that day."*

I don't know where Abraham was living in 1810, perhaps already in Ohio but the 1810 Census for most of Ohio was lost. Abraham was listed in Madison Township, Butler County in 1820-1840 and then his widow Mary was living there with her married daughter in 1850.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Allen Tallman says Abraham died in 1848. I can't independently confirm that but it was obviously sometime between the 1840 and 1850 Census based on his presence in the former and absence in the latter.

Abraham is not, as of summer 2015, on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters

He may have had other daughters but only one survived him. She was Sarah, wife of John Eckhart, known from being mentioned in her Uncle George's will and also because her mother was living with her in the 1850 Census after Abraham had died.

Known Sons

My transcript of the property division of George Martz named his two heirs as Daniel and Sarah. I have no idea who Daniel was, there is no record of any Daniel in Census in Butler

County. On the other hand, there was a David Martz who was listed in Census in Madison Township starting in 1840 and Allen Tallman said the two heirs of Abraham's were named David and Sarah. I assume Daniel is a transcription error and the property division actually must say David. I have seen those two names mis-transcribed from other documents in other families, sometimes David became Daniel, sometimes Daniel became David.

And along with David and Abraham in Butler County in 1840, there was also a Christian Martz in the same place age 40-50 and a John Martz age 20-30. Christian was still there in 1850 age 56. I have no idea who he was.

I think I do know John, and he too was still there in 1850. From 1850, we learn the names of his family members and there is a close match between this whole family and the one of John Martz who lived in 1860 in Peoria County, IL. John of Peoria is said by Allen Tallman to be the son of David whose wife was the daughter of John Richstine. It all makes sense. When John first moved to Butler County, John Richstine was there himself in addition to Abraham, then John Richstine moved on, John Martz stayed and then by 1860 moved on himself. The slight discordant note is that John Richstine was in Wayne Township, Butler County while John went to Madison Township where Abraham lived. Still I think John of Butler County was John, son of David Martz and Magdalena Schissler.

Spouse: **Mary J Reed**[5]

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Birth:	1791	
Marriage:	1808	North'd Co, PA[4]
Father:	Christopher Reed	

Parent-Proof

Mary was the daughter of Christopher Reed. She and her husband came to Butler County either with Christopher or soon thereafter.

Sources

1. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Marks, Madison Twp, Butler Co, OH, 1/1, 0/0, 0/1, 0, 2/0, 0/0.

2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abraham Marks, Madison Twp, Butler Co, OH, 15-19M, 40-49M, no females.

3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abraham Marty, Madison Twp, Butler Co, OH, <5M, 10-14M, 20-29M, 50-59M, <5F, 10-14F, 20-29F, 40-49F.

4. Published Family Histories. "IBID. Tallman." Abraham Mertz b.1785 s/o David married Mary J Reed.

5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Mary Martz, 60, Madison, Butler, OH lives with John and Sarah Eckart.

Name: **David Martz (P2c1)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	15 Jun 1815	Butler Co, OH
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	10 Jul 1902	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Elk Creek Cemetery, Astoria, OH	
Father:	Abraham Martz (P2c) (1785-1848)	
Mother:	Mary J Reed (1791-)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Allen Tallman quotes a local county history write-up on David. *"David Martz was among the older settlers of the county (1815) and has all his life been identified with its growth and development. His father was one of the heroes and patriots of former times, having fought in the War of 1812. Abraham, his father, a native of Longswamp Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, came to this township in 1807-8, from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania while the country was wild and undeveloped. Here his father went to work with a will to clear a farm and make a home, and was subjected to the many trials and difficulties incident to the life of a pioneer.*

He has been four times married: first to Mary Snyder, a daughter of Samuel Snyder and Catharine Weaver. She died in 1870, having been the mother of eleven children. The second union was with Catherine Williamson, a widow, whose maiden name was Snyder, and who was a cousin of the first wife. She died after only seven months of wedded life, a victim of consumption, as was her cousin before her. The third wife was Elizabeth Shartle. She died about two years after the marriage. His fourth wife was a sister of his first, from Douglas County, IL. After only six months they separated so he lived out the remainder of his life single.

Religiously Mr. Martz is connected with the German Reformed Church, in which denomination he has been an Elder for nearly thirty years."

David is designated P2c1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
David stayed in Butler County.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
David Marts is on find-a-grave. His first wife Mary is there too and linked to him.

Known Daughters
Allen Tallman lists Catharine Carson born 1840, Mary born Aug 1841, Sarah born 1844 and Ida L born 1856.

Known Sons
Allen Tallman lists seven son, including five born before the 1850 Census: Abraham born 1836, Samuel born 1838, John W born 1848, Snyder born 1848 and David J born 1850.

I can find no record of Samuel or Snyder. John W was listed with David in the 1850 Census, age 2 and then disappears, I assume he died young. Only Abraham and David J are tracked further.

Spouse:	**Mary Snyder**
Birth:	7 Mar 1817
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	24 Mar 1870
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	28 May 1835
Marr Memo:	(Allen Tallman)
Burial:	Elk Creek Cemetery, Astoria, OH
Father:	Samuel Snyder
Mother:	Catherine Weaver

Parent-Proof
Allen Tallman appears to have researched these people and he is my source of her birth and death and marriage date and the names of her parents.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), David Marty, Madison Twp, Butler Co, OH, <5M, 15-19M, <5F, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Marks, 35, Madison, Butler, OH, Mary 33, Abraham 14, Catharine 11, Mary 9, Sarah 7, David J 4, John W 2, Ann Douglass 21.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Marts, 45, Madison, Butler, OH, Mary 43, Abraham 23, Catharine 20, Sarah 16, David J 13, George W 7, Chas E 5, Ida L 3m, Leonard Gabel 24.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), David Marts, 55, Madison, Butler, OH, George 17, Charles 15, Ida L 10, Sophie Walker 23.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), David Marts, 64, Madison, Butler, OH, Elizabeth 45, Edward 17, D S Williamson (stepson) 19.

Name: **Abraham Martz (P2c1a)**[1]

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Birth: 1835
Father: David Martz (P2c1) (1815-1902)
Mother: Mary Snyder (1817-1870)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Abraham as the son of David since he lived with his father in 1850 and 1860. He is designated P2c1a.

There are two Abraham Marts in the 1870 Census in Butler County but because of a five-year age difference and one lived in Madison Township, the other in Hamilton, I think the one age 35 in Madison was this Abraham.

After 1870, I cannot find him. I do not think he is on find-a-grave.

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Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abraham Marts, 35, Madison, Butler, OH worked as farm labor in Margaret Dick household.

Name: **David J Marts (P2c1b)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1847
Birth Memo: (age in Census)
Death: 14 Nov 1923
Death Memo: (Ohio Death Records, Ancestry.com)
Father: David Martz (P2c1) (1815-1902)
Mother: Mary Snyder (1817-1870)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know David J as the son of David from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He is designated P2c1b.

Then he remained in Butler County and died there in 1923. I don't see him on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Jennie Paullin**

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Marriage: 28 Jan 1869
Marr Memo: (OH Marriages, 1800-1958 @ familysearch.com)

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), David J Marts, 23, Madison, Butler, OH Jane 22, Luella 6m .
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Dav J Marts, 33, Madison, Butler, OH, Jennie 32, Stella 5, Alphonso 1.

Name: **Henry Martz (P2d)**[1,2]

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Birth:	17 Oct 1786 North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	Aug 1848[3]
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father:	David Mertz (P2) (~1745-<1822)
Mother:	Barbara Miller (~1745->1830)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd says this about Henry. *"Henry Martz, son of David and Barbara Miller, was born on the homestead in Shamokin Township and was a farmer. He stayed on in Northumberland County when the rest of his siblings moved to Dayton, OH. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena, pioneers of Shamokin Township. He is buried at St Peter's. They had: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan."*

David's homestead actually was in Augusta Township — on Shamokin Creek. Floyd was a little geographically confused.

Allen Tallman lists the same children for Henry as does Floyd, and adds birth dates: the range is Catharine the oldest born 1814 to Mary Ann the youngest born 1825.

Henry was either David's third or fourth oldest son, but I have a little arbitrarily placed Abraham as third, so Henry is designated P2d.

Relocated and Census Tracking

I can find Henry Martz in the 1820 Census in Augusta Township. He lived near David Sr. and David Jr. His widow was reported in Coal Township in 1850 living with two daughters and William Fegely, her brother I assume.

So the big mystery is where was Henry in 1830 and 1840?

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Both Heber Gearhart and Joseph A Meiser did transcriptions of St Peter's Blue Church and both say Henry died Aug 1848. But the truth is I have found no evidence of him after, say, 1825 if that was when daughter Annie was born.

It is especially troubling to me that I cannot find him in the 1830 or 1840 Census — and I know how to find people in Census. I have many search techniques that will uncover someone in Census even with a bad spelling. He is not in either Census.

There are additional indications, it seems to me, that Henry died well before 1848. My best guess is that he died in the mid-to-late 1820's. J L Floyd says about Henry's son Solomon that he was born in 1818 and at age 7 — 1825 interestingly — went to live with his uncle Solomon Fagely. And Floyd says that Henry's son Nathan was born in 1820 and at age eighteen went to be a clerk in the store of his uncles Nathan and George Fagely. That would be 1838, about the time Henry's brothers moved to Ohio.

In other families where I have seen this tremendous involvement of someone with uncles, it is because their father died young. I believe that Henry died closer to 1828 than 1848.

There is a memorial for him on find-a-grave at St Peter's Blue Church with the dates from Gearhart and Meiser but tellingly there is no photo of the tombstone. What if Gearhart read it wrong and Meiser copied what he said?

I have walked that cemetery and searched for Henry with no luck. What is interesting is that Elizabeth is there on one of four large obelisks that stand together all in a row. There are five names on these four large obelisks.

William Fagely is on one of them, Elizabeth (Fagely) Martz (Henry's wife) on a similar one and Reuben Fagely on another. They were siblings. And two names were on different faces of the fourth one -- Catharine Martz and Hannah Fagely. Hannah was yet another sibling to William, Elizabeth and Reuben and Catharine Martz was Elizabeth's daughter. Neither Hannah nor Catherine ever married.

William Fagely's will ties it all together. He named his brother Reuben, his sisters Elizabeth Martz and Hannah Fagely and his niece Catharine Martz. They had become one big family in my opinion.

But it is very curios to me that Henry's name is not also inscribed on Elizabeth's obelisk. He was forgotten or snubbed, wasn't he? Even if he died in 1848, he was, say, 25 years gone before any of the other obelisks were erected, but if it was 1828 when he died, it makes more sense to me that he was basically forgotten.

Known Daughters
When his brother David died in Montgomery Co, OH in 1851, his probate records indicated that Henry had died and only listed Catherine, Solomon and Nathan as Henry's heirs. Any other daughters must have died young.

Catherine never married. From her tombstone at Blue Church as listed on find-a-grave, she was born 24 Jul 1814 and died on 2 Mar 1888.

Her will provided for the care and maintenance of the graves of her nieces Bella and Sophronia. She mentioned her brother Nathan. She also mentioned her niece Ida B V McConnell wife of William. Finally she mentioned William Martz and wife Annie — William was Nathan's son.

Known Sons
J L Floyd listed three sons: George, Solomon and Nathan. The estate papers of Henry's brother David listed only Solomon and Nathan, meaning George must have died before 1851. I think I have found George living with his brother Nathan in Mauch Chunk in 1850, so he must have died soon after that Census. I can track Solomon and Nathan further.

Spouse:	**Elizabeth Fagely**[5,6]	
Birth:	16 Mar 1794	Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA
Marriage:	1813	Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA[4]
Death:	28 May 1870[7]	
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA	
Father:	Christian Fagely	
Mother:	Magdalena	

Parent-Proof
J L Floyd says that Elizabeth was the daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely.

Sources
1. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. A detailed biography of Henry Mertz is given.
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), Henry Mertz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 3/2, 1/0, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
3. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, St Peter's Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1982, Repository: LDS Film, Henry Martz 17 Oct 1786-Aug 1848.
4. Published Family Histories. "IBID. Tallman." Henry Mertz b.17 Oct 1786 s/o David married Elizabeth Fagely.
5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Martz, 56, Coal, North'd, PA, Cathrine 35, Mary 25 -- l/w Fagely.
6. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Martz, 61 Coal, North'd, PA, Cathrine 46, Isabella 17, Sephrona 15 -- l/w Fagely.
7. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, St Peter's Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1982, Repository: LDS Film, Elizabeth Fagley w/o Henry Martz 16 Mar 1794-28 May 1870.

Name: **Solomon Martz (P2d1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 22 Mar 1817 Upper Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 4 Oct 1894[4,5,6,7]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: Henry Martz (1786-1848)
Mother: Elizabeth Fagely (1794-1870)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
J L Floyd says this about Solomon. "*Solomon Mertz s/o Henry was born 22 Mar 1818 in Upper Augusta Twp. At the age of 7, he went to live with his Uncle Solomon Fagely in Shamokin Twp until he was 18 and then began work for his other Fagely uncles at their store in Mauch Chunk. He then returned to the area and worked for Solomon Fagely at his tavern in Mt Carmel. He then became a driver and mail carrier for the stage line. Later he hauled coal and finally settled on a farm at Reed station and died there 4 Oct 1894 and is buried at Reed's Church.*"

Solomon is designated P2d1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1850, Solomon was in Coal Township, after that always in Shamokin Township.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
The will of Solomon Mertz of Shamokin Township was written 8 Jun 1894 and proved 4 Oct 1894 in Northumberland County. It mentioned wife Hannah and after both of their deaths, distributions as follows: interests in limestone quarries and railroad sidings to son George O, $1000 to Adda daughter of George O married Beury, divides his homestead farm among sons Reuben F, John Henry and Jesse R. Mentions son Reuben's wife Emma.

A paper on the early history of the railroads of Sunbury says that when demand for more speedy service popped up, Solomon Martz, a former native of Reed's Station put a one car train "Black Hawk" into service exclusively for carrying passengers and mail. The timeframe isn't specified but it was most likely in the 1840's or 1850's.

Solomon is on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
Solomon had two daughters: Isabella and Sophronia. Neither married and both pre-deceased their father.

Known Sons
Solomon had five sons: George O, William F, Reuben F, John Henry and Jesse R. No mention was made of William F in Solomon's will so I think he died young. I have tracked the others.

Spouse: **Hannah Reed**

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Birth: 25 Dec 1814[9]

Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 6 Apr 1841 North'd Co, PA[8]
Death: 15 Dec 1895
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: John Reed
Mother: Eva Howard

Parent-Proof
Hannah Reed was the daughter of John and Eva (Gillinger) Reed according to her memorial on find-a-grave. J L Floyd says Hannah's mother was Eva (Howard) Reed. I've not looked into it.

Find-a-Grave
Hannah is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. Periodical Author: Proceedings and Addresses, "Northumberland Co Historical Society," Solomon and his Fegely in-laws are mentioned in Vol 5, page 168 due to their involvement in the earliest railroad of Sunbury.
2. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. A detailed biography of Solomon Martz is given.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Solomon Martz, 34, Coal, North'd, PA, Hannah 36, George 8, Isabella, 6, Sophronia 4, William newborn.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Solomon Martz, 44, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Hannah 45, Reuben F 7, John H 5, Jesse R 3, Ellen Snyder 17, John Zimmerman 37, John J Schwartz 19, John E Epler 16 .
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Solomon Martz, 52, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Hannah 55, Reuben 17, John H 15, Jesse R 12.
6. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Solomon Martz, 61, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Hannah 64, Henry 25.
7. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Jacob's (Reed's Brick) , Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, 1982, "Meiser's North'd Co Burials," Repository: LDS Film, 22 Mar 1817-4 Oct 1894 s/o Henry and Elizabeth Fagly m.Hannah Reed.
8. Published Book. Author: Charles A Fisher, 1982, "Central Pennsylvania Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Has specific marriages based on minister's records but Fisher also used baptism records and tombstones as proof of existence of a marriage, Solomon Mertz m.6 Apr 1841 Hannah Reed d/o John.
9. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Jacob's (Reed's Brick) , Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, 1982, "Meiser's North'd Co Burials," Repository: LDS Film, 25 Dec 1814-15 Dec 1895 husband Solomon Martz.

Name: **George O Martz (P2d1a)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	4 Jun 1842 Shamokin, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	30 Sep 1914
Death Memo:	(PA Death Certificates)
Burial:	Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA[3]
Father:	Solomon Martz (P2d1) (1817-1894)
Mother:	Hannah Reed (1814-1895)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd says this about George. *"George O Mertz, son of Solomon and Hannah, was born in Shamokin 4 Jun 1842. When he was ten years old, he moved with his parents on to the home place in Shamokin Township and lived there until he was 17 when he began his career. He pursued a number of careers including colliery and then the lime business. He is now Secretary of the Roaring Creek Water Company. On 2 Sep 1865 he married Emma L Keener of Schuylkill Haven. They had one daughter Ada G who married H C Beury. Ada lived in Phila and had three children: William M, Emma L and Susanna G."*

George O is designated P2d1a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

His will proved 9 Oct 1914 with Emma L as executor. George O is on find-a-grave and a copy of his death certificate is posted there.

Known Daughters

Ada is the only child I know of, there were no sons apparently.

Spouse: **Emma Louise Keener**

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Birth:	1 Apr 1842
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	2 Sep 1865[5]
Death:	21 Apr 1926
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA[6,7]
Mother:	Catherine (~1812-)

Find-a-Grave

Emma Louise is on find-a-grave and a copy of her death certificate is posted there. It gives the name of her father only as Keener and does not name her mother. Her mother's first name was Catherine (or Kate), known from her presence in the household of George and Emma in 1870 and 1880.

Sources

1. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. A detailed biography of George O Mertz is given.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George O Martz, 27, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Emma 27m, Adda 9 months, Kate Keener 55.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George O Mertz, age 38, coal operator lives in Shamokin, PA with Emma 38, Ada G 10 and mother-in-law Catherine Keener 68.
4. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Jacob's (Reed's Brick) , Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, 1982, "Meiser's North'd Co Burials," Repository: LDS Film, 4 Jun 1842-30 Sep 1914 s/o Solomon and Hannah Reed m.Emma L Keener.
5. Published Book. Author: Charles A Fisher, 1982, "Central Pennsylvania Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Has specific marriages based on minister's records but Fisher also used baptism records and tombstones as proof of existence of a marriage, George O Mertz m.2 Sep 1865 Emma L Keener.
6. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Jacob's (Reed's Brick) , Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, 1982, "Meiser's North'd Co Burials," Repository: LDS Film, 1841-1926 m.George O Martz.
7. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), Harry C Beury age 50, manager coaler, lives in Philadelphia with Ada M 50 and William 25, Emma 20 and Susannah G 19. Also present is mother-in-law Emma L Mertz 76.

Name: **Reuben F Martz (P2d1b)**[1]

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Birth:	27 Aug 1852
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	16 Dec 1921
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father:	Solomon Martz (P2d1) (1817-1894)
Mother:	Hannah Reed (1814-1895)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd says this about Reuben: *"Reuben F. Martz received his early education in the public schools of the home locality, later attending Elysburg Academy. After working some time for his father he entered the timber business, furnishing props for the mines. This he has continued to carry on in connection with farming, owning a tract of 120 acres, part of the old homestead, his property adjoining the lands of his brothers Jesse R and John H. He has erected fine buildings on the place since it came into his possession, putting up his residence in 1903, and the property is not only valuable for its natural advantages but also for the judicious improvements which have been made on it. He has devoted all his time to his private affairs, taking no part in public life, though he has the public spirited interest in such matters which every good citizen feels. He is a Republican in politics.*

Mr. Martz married Emma M. Muench, who was born in 1860, daughter of Jacob F. Muench, and died Jan. 7, 1902; she is buried at Reeds Church. Eight children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, now located in Chicago, IL; Hattie, wife of Edw. Michael, living in Sunbury; Solomon, a graduate of Bucknell College, now living at home; Frederick, who died when seven years old; Emma; and Ada. The family are Lutherans in religion."

Reuben F is designated P2d1b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Reuben F is on find-a-grave and a copy of his death certificate is posted there.

Spouse: **Emma Elizabeth Muench**[2]

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Birth:	7 Nov 1859
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	7 Jan 1902
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father:	Jacob F Muench

Find-a-Grave

Emma Elizabeth is on find-a-grave.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Reuben Marty 26, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Emma M 20, Sophronia 1 month.

2. Specific LDS Film 961101, Early North'd Co Death Certificates, Pennsylvania, Northumberland County, North'd DC 1893-1902 Emma Martz b.Sham d.7 Jan 1902 42y 2m bur.Luth Cem DE Meunch & Lavina.

Name: **John Henry Martz (P2d1c)**

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Birth: 27 Oct 1854
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 13 Feb 1918
Death Memo: (PA Death Certificates)
Burial: Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: Solomon Martz (P2d1) (1817-1894)
Mother: Hannah Reed (1814-1895)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

John Henry is known from his presence in his father's household in Census and he was named in his will. He is designated P2d1c. He still lived with his parents in 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

John Henry is on find-a-grave and a copy of his death certificate is posted there.

Spouse: **Mary Etta Zong**

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Birth: 1 Jun 1864
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 3 Oct 1933
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA

Find-a-Grave

Mary Etta is on find-a-grave and a copy of her death certificate is posted there.

Name: **Jesse Reed Martz (P2d1d)[1]**

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Birth: 1 Aug 1857
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 21 Oct 1926
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA[2]
Father: Solomon Martz (P2d1) (1817-1894)
Mother: Hannah Reed (1814-1895)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Jesse R is known from his presence in his father's household in Census and he was named in his will. He is designated P2d1d.

In 2015, I was contacted by Dan Marnell who is writing a history of the Shamokin Valley Railroad and the stores along its route operated by Martz, Muench & Company. It seems all very much tied up with Solomon Martz and his sons and their sons, especially given that Solomon's son Reuben married Emma Muench.

He was specifically asking about Frank Martz who owned the store at Reed's Station and was postmaster there until 1953. I pulled several Census listings for Dan including the 1900 Census in which we find Franklin age 8 living with his father Jesse.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jesse Reed is on find-a-grave and a copy of his death certificate is posted there.

Spouse: **Lucinda M Metz**

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Birth: 23 Oct 1852
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 12 Aug 1933
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reed's Church, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA[3]

Find-a-Grave
Lucinda is on find-a-grave. The names of her parents are given as Thomas Metz and Sarah Hill.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jesse R Martz, 23, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Lucindia 27, Harry A 3 months.
2. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Jacob's (Reed's Brick), Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, 1982, "Meiser's North'd Co Burials," Repository: LDS Film, 1 Aug 1857-21 Oct 1926 s/o Solomon and Hannah m.Lucinda M Metz.
3. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Jacob's (Reed's Brick), Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, 1982, "Meiser's North'd Co Burials," Repository: LDS Film, 23 Oct 1852-2 Aug 1933 m.Jesse R Martz.

Name: **Nathaniel F Martz (P2d2)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	20 Jul 1820	Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(PA Death Certificates)	
Death:	7 Aug 1911	Sunbury, PA
Death Memo:	(PA Death Certificates)	
Burial:	Pomfret Manor Cemetery, Sunbury, PA	
Father:	Henry Martz (P2d) (1786-1848)	
Mother:	Elizabeth Fagely (1794-1870)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd says this about Nathan: *"Nathan F. Martz was born July 20, 1820, in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County. He spent most of his early days on the farm and when eighteen years old went to Mauch Chunk, where he became a clerk in the store of his uncles, Nathan and George Fagely. Later he carried on a general store and then went into the butchering business, in which he continued for two years.*

In 1851, he came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Here he was first associated with his uncles William and Reuben Fagely, who shipped considerable coal at that time, remaining with them until the completion of the Northern Central railroad, in 1856, at which time he became the first baggage-master for that road at Sunbury. He held the position continuously for thirty-five years, until his retirement. A social organization of Sunbury has been named the Nathan F. Martz Club in his honor.

He lived into his nineties. Tall and of massive build, he has been blessed with a fine physique, and he is very active for one of his years, though he has long since retired from arduous labors. He speaks both English and German.

Mr. Martz lived on Market street for many years, but since 1885 has made his home at the corner of Fourth Street and Woodlawn Avenue.

On Sept. 19, 1848, Mr. Martz married, at Allentown, Eliza Samuels, who was born Sept. 13, 1827, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Engleman) Samuels, of Allentown. They celebrated their sixtieth anniversary Sept. 19, 1908, and Mrs. Martz passed away Sept. 21, 1908. Six children were born to this union: One daughter died in infancy; William E. is a resident of Shamokin; Jesse S. died in 1856; Edward died Feb. 2, 1857; Ida V. B. is the wife of W. C. McConnell; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Henry B. Smith."

Nathan is designated P2d2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

His death certificate, if you know him, clearly says Nathan F Martz but it is indexed by Ancestry as saying his name was Vachan F.

As of summer 2015, Nathaniel is not on find-a-grave. He was buried at Pomfret Manor.

Known Daughters

According to J L Floyd, he had two daughters Ida V. B. who married W. C. McConnell and Mary Elizabeth who married Henry B. Smith. Somewhere I got the idea there was yet another daughter, Rebecca.

Known Sons
Apparently, only his son William E lived to adulthood.

Spouse:	**Elizabeth Samuels**	
Birth:	13 Sep 1827	Allentown, PA
Marriage:	19 Sep 1848	Allentown, PA[5]
Death:	21 Sep 1908	
Father:	Jesse Samuels	
Mother:	Mary Engleman	

Parent-Proof
J L Floyd says she was the daughter of Jesse and Mary (Engleman) Samuels, of Allentown. Charles Fisher, however, says she was the daughter of George.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Nathan Martz, 33, Mauch Chunk, Carbon, PA, Elija 22, George 25.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Nathan Martz, 39, Sunbury, Eliza 32, William E 9, Rebecca 11, Ida 8 months.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Nathan Martz, 47 RR Baggage Agent, Sunbury, Eliza 41, William E 19, Elizabeth 8, Rebecca Martz Stitz 21. Where's Ida?
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Nathan F Martz, 59, PA, Sunbury, North'd, PA, Eliza A 52, Elizabeth 19.
5. Published Book. Author: Charles A Fisher, 1982, "Central Pennsylvania Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Has specific marriages based on minister's records but Fisher also used baptism records and tombstones as proof of existence of a marriage, Nathaniel F Mertz North'd m.19 Sep 1848 Elizabeth Samuels d/o George.

Name: **William E Martz (P2d2a)**[1]

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Birth:	5 Jun 1852 Sunbury, PA
Birth Memo:	(death certificate)
Death:	13 Jan 1921
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father:	Nathaniel F Martz (P2d2) (1820-1911)
Mother:	Elizabeth Samuels (1827-1908)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I think he was the only son of Nathan's to live to adulthood and is designated P2d2a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
There is a death certificate for William E Martz, son of Nathan F and Eliza (Samuels) Martz. The death certificate gives his dates 5 Jun 1852-13 Jan 1921 and says he was buried at Blue Church.

There is a memorial on find-a-grave for William Martz 1851-1921 at Blue Church. This is clearly William E.

Spouse: **Annie Hollp**

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Birth:	22 Aug 1856
Birth Memo:	(death certificate)
Death:	9 Dec 1949
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA

Find-a-Grave
There is a link of Annie M Martz 1856-1949 at Blue Church to William Martz though on his memorial it suggests there is some question about that.

There is a death certificate for Annie Mary Martz 22 Aug 1856-6 Dec 1949 buried at Blue Church. Her husband was William Martz and her father was Daniel Hollp who had been born in Germany.

There is also a memorial on find-a-grave for Edgar H Martz who died as an infant and he is linked to William and Annie as his parents, but on his memorial it says she was Annie Samuels. I think that is wrong.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William E Martz, 28, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Annie M 23.

Name: **Peter Martz (P2e)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	21 Apr 1790	North'd Co, PA
Death:	22 Dec 1852	Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH
Burial:	Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH	
Father:	David Mertz (P2) (~1745-<1822)	
Mother:	Barbara Miller (~1745->1830)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Peter is a known son of David from his will. He was named his Executor along with David's wife Barbara. Peter is designated P2e.

Relocated and Census Tracking
THE DAYTON OHIO MERTZES. Peter sold several tracts of Augusta Township land, probably those referred to in his father's will, in about 1836 and moved at about that time to Germantown, OH (near Dayton). One tract of 130 acres was sold to Jacob, but I'm not sure which one. P6a4, I think. This land had passed to Peter's father from *his* mother-in-law Margaret Miller.

In 1830, Peter lived in Augusta Township, next to his mother, Barbara. Another Peter, his cousin, lived in Sunbury. By 1840, he had moved to Germantown.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
I have a copy of the Registrar's transcription of Peter's will written 5 Dec 1852 and proved 30 Dec 1852. It mentioned wife Hannah and children Elizabeth, Amelia, David, Susan, Jacob and Mary.

Peter is on find-a-grave with dates 1790-1852 buried at Germantown Cemetery. I have an exact birth and death date for Peter which I assume I got from the work of Allen Tallman.

Known Daughters
From his will, he had four daughters: Elizabeth married John F Gross; Amelia Catherine married Louis F Emerich; Susanna married William H Gunckel and Mary married William Sharretts. I assume I got the names of their husbands from the work of Allen Tallman.

Known Sons
From his will and from Census, we know of two sons -- David and Jacob. Jacob is buried in the same cemetery as Peter. I had to do a little work to track down David but he lived in 1860 in Germantown and then moved to Henry County, IN by 1870. But there is a carry-through of the names of members of his 1860 household to 1870, proving it was him.

However, there was one additional son. A petition filed in 1859 regarding Peter's estate makes it clear there was a child Peter age 6 who must have been born after his father's death. His mother Hannah had remarried Samuel Achely who had since died. His name was actually Peter Alva and Alva too is buried in the same cemetery as his father.

Spouse: **Hannah**[5]

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Birth:	1814	
Marriage:	1829	North'd Co, PA[4]

Sources

1. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Peter Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 20-29M, 20-29F.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Peter Marts, Montgomery Co, OH, <5M, 5-9M, 40-49M (2), 50-59M, <5F, 5-9F (2), 20-29F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Mortz, 60, German, Montgomery, OH, Hannah 36, Amelia 17, David 15, Susan 14, Jacob 10, Mary 8, George 56. The oldest 3 children born PA, the younger 2, OH.
4. Published Family Histories. "IBID. Tallman." Peter Mertz b.21 Apr 1790 s/o David married Hannah.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Hannah Achey 45, Germantown, Montgomery, OH, Peter A Martz,7, with Samuel Achey 62.

Name: **David Mertz (P2e1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	1834	North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	4 Jan 1903	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Batson Cemetery, Millville, IN	
Father:	Peter Martz (P2e) (1790-1852)	
Mother:	Hannah (1814-)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I know from his will that Peter had a son David. From Census, he was born in PA in 1834, before Peter moved to Ohio. David is designated P2e1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Census tells us the story.

In 1860, David Martz, obviously Peter's son of that name, lived in German Township, Montgomery County, OH. He was age 26, wife Lydia 25 and they had two daughters Leander 5 and Elizabeth 2.

In 1870, those same four people, all about 10 years older, lived in Liberty Township, Henry County, Indiana, where we then find, in 1880, David Martz age 46 born PA wife Lydia A with Lew J 25, Lizzie M 21, Viola A E 17. Lew J must be Leander from the 1860 and 1870 Census.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
There is a David Martz buried in Henry County, IN on find-a-grave. He died 4 Jan 1903 and was age 69 — which computes to 1834. Lydia A McMullen Martz is buried in the same place. This must be Peter's son David and his wife.

I made an edit to link him to his father.

Spouse: **Lydia A McMullen**

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Birth:	18 Apr 1834
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	8 Oct 1888
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Batson Cemetery, Millville, IN

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Martz, 26, German, Montgomery, OH, Lydia 25, Leander 5, Elizabeth 2 .
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), David Martz, 36, Liberty, Henry, IN, Lydia 35, Leander 15, Lizzie 11, Viola 7.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), David Martz, 46, Liberty, Henry, IN, Lydia A 44, Lew J 25, Lizzie M 21, Viola A E 17.

Name: **Jacob Mertz (P2e2)**[1,2]

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Birth: 19 Jul 1837 Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave says only 1837)
Death: 1908
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH
Father: Peter Martz (P2e) (1790-1852)
Mother: Hannah (1814-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I know from his will and from Census that Peter had a son Jacob. He is designated P2e2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Jacob can be found in Germantown in 1860 living with the Sharrits family. His wife, Caroline, is linked to him on find-a-grave and I can find Jacob and Caroline in 1880 in Germantown with son Collin age 13 and younger children. So where is this family in 1870?

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob is on find-a-grave. I made an edit to link him to his father.

Spouse: **Caroline Louise Huber**

Birth: 1843
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 6 Sep 1909
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 23, German, Montgomery, OH, with William Sharrits 31, Mary Sharrits 20.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 42, Germantown, Montgomery, OH, Caroline L 37, Collin H 13, Lewis H 9, Robert D 7, John O 4.

Name: **Peter Alva Mertz (P2e3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	6 May 1853 Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	3 Mar 1925
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH
Father:	Peter Martz (P2e) (1790-1852)
Mother:	Hannah (1814-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Peter Alva was not named in his father's will. From his birth date, in fact, he was apparently born after his father died. But he is known because a petition was filed on his behalf to add him as a beneficiary of his father's estate. Peter Alva s designated P2e3.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Peter can be found in Germantown in 1860 living with his mother, Hannah, then married to Samuel Achley. In 1870, he lived with the Schaeffer family. I'm not sure I would have found him in 1880 since he moved to Treble County but the presence of his wife Dollie makes the connection.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Alva Martz is listed on find-a-grave buried in the same cemetery as the rest of his family. I made an edit to link him to his father.

Spouse: **Mary (Dollie) Heffner**

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Birth:	7 Feb 1857
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	15 Oct 1930
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter A Martz, 7, Germantown, Montgomery, OH, with Samuel Achey 62, Hannah Achey 45.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Alvin Martz, 17, German, Montgomery, OH, with John E Schaeffer 31 and Sarah Schaeffer 28.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Peter A Martz, 25, Jefferson, Preble, OH, Dollie 22, Daisy P, Roscoe 2.

Name: **George Martz (P2f)**[1,2]

Birth:	21 Dec 1793	North'd Co, PA
Death:	17 Sep 1858	Germantown, Montgomery Co, OH
Father:	David Mertz (P2) (~1745-<1822)	
Mother:	Barbara Miller (~1745->1830)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know George was a son of David from his brother David's will. George was one of the seven equal heirs — David's seven brothers and sisters or their respective heirs. His presence in Germantown, Montgomery County, where several of his brothers and sisters also settled locks it all together. George is designated P2f.

Relocated and Census Tracking

George never seems to have lived on his own. The only time George was named in Census was 1850, he was living with Peter. In 1840, he was no doubt also living with a brother.

A letter from the grand-nephew of these Mertzes of Montgomery County indicates that at some time one of them was blind. It says he was still alive in 1855. George was the only one still alive in 1855 and taken together with the fact of not living on his own makes it clear, I think, George was the blind one.

I don't know if it was a life-long affliction.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

George is on find-a-grave, buried at Germantown Cemetery, Montgomery County, OH. Allen Tallman gives exact dates for George, born in Northumberland County, PA on 21 Dec 1793, died in Germantown, Montgomery County, OH, on 17 Sep 1858. Those may be exact dates from his tombstone but the find-grave memorial only gives the years, not exact dates.

George never married.

Sources

1. Published Family Histories. "IBID. Tallman." George Mertz was s/o David with dob and dod as given.

2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Mortz, 56, German, Montgomery, OH, lives with Peter.

Name: **Johannes Mertz (P3)**[1]

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Birth:	abt 1746	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA[2,3]
Birth Memo:	(1767 tax list said he was a single man)	
Death:	abt Sep 1786	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA[4]
Death Memo:	(probate records)	
Father:	5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)	
Mother:	5G GM Catharina	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Johannes (John) has the distinction, like Peter Mertz Jr., of being a known son of Peter. Berks County records show a Johannes Mertz of Longswamp who died in about 1786 and Peter's will referred to his deceased son John. He died before the rest of his family removed to Northumberland County.

It is by observing the close relationship that many other Mertzes of his generation had with he and Peter Jr. -- and knowing that they weren't the children of Nicholas -- that we can identify Peter's other children.

I don't know exact birth dates for any of Peter's sons, nor their exact birth order, but I do have small clues for some of them. Johannes, for example, was a single man on a 1767 tax list indicating, I believe, a birth prior to or about 1746. He sponsored a baptism in 1759 which may suggest a somewhat earlier birth than that. I have been told that someone could be a sponsor so long as they had been confirmed into the church and that usually happened at about age 13-15. So maybe he was born in the 1744-1746 period.

But going with 1746, and understand I don't have real facts for his other brothers either, I am designating Johannes as P3, that he was Peter's third son.

Relocated and Census Tracking
1779. Pennsylvania Septennial Census. John Mertz, Longswamp Township.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
On September 29, 1786, his widow Margaret posted bond as administrator of his estate. On 30 Sep 1786, she petitioned the Orphans Court on behalf of her five children, all minors. These records establish Johannes' approximate date of death.

As of autumn 2015, Johannes is not on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
Johannes had three daughters: Elizabeth, Maria Barbara and Gertraut.

All are known from their mother Margaret's 1786 petition to the Orphans Court. In addition, Maria Barbara, and I think Gertraut, are also known from their baptisms at Longswamp Reformed. Elizabeth's baptism, for whatever reason, went unrecorded. And Gertraut was also mentioned in her grandfather's will.

I know the most about Gertraut. I believe she was the unnamed daughter John and "wife" baptized at Longswamp Reformed which record has the date 29 May 1782 which I believe was given as her birth date.

In 2018, I was reviewing some Lehigh County death records from LDS film 2131072 and I found one for Gardroud Gachenbach who was born in Longswamp Township, it says, 13 May 1780, the daughter of John Mertz and unnamed wife. It named her husband as Charles Gachenbach and her children as: Daniel, David, Jacob, George, Maria, Cathrine and Lena. The informant was Jonas Geringer, her son-in-law.

This death record also gave an age at death 72y, 9m, 20d which, given her date of death of 3 Mar 1854, computes to a different birth date — either 11 May 1781 or 14 May 1781. Date calculations can be ambiguous at times (do you count forward from the date of birth or backward from the date of death?). So let's just say the death record which has May 1780 written down really suggests May 1781 by it's stated arithmetic.

Since she had died after 1850, I decided to find her in the 1850 Census. She was a widow living with Jonas and Sarah Geringer. From there I found her find-a-grave memorial. That memorial gives this information: born 12 May 1781 (more consistent with her birth date as computed from her stated age at death) and died 3 Mar 1854 and it has a brief bio: "daughter of Johannes Mertz and wife Catherine nee Dresher married first David Christman about 1800 and had 7 children then married Carl Gachenbach in 1821 and had 1 daughter." A source was given for this information: Ziegel's Church Burial records.

Obviously, there are several contradictory "facts" in all of this.

If I am right that the unnamed daughter baptized by Johannes and "wife" was Gertraut, the date of birth is a discrepancy. But I don't consider it a major discrepancy and I have certainly seen discrepancies of this small magnitude in other cases.

For one thing, when a baptism gives only one date, as this one did, it is not always clear whether it was a birth date or baptism date. It's quite possible 29 May 1782 was her baptism date and the idea that she was born a few weeks earlier not at all unreasonable.

So maybe it really took a full year until Johannes and Margaretha got around to baptizing their daughter but I really suspect she was born in May 1782 (11, 12, 13 or 14, take your pick) and the age at death in the church records are off by a year. Not unusual at all.

But the real issue is was her mother named Catherine or Margaret? Since Margaret was mentioned with John several times at Longswamp previous to Gertraut's birth and it was Margaret who was John's widow, I think John's wife was named Margaret and not Catherine.

But I really like the idea that Margaret was nee Drescher. In reviewing all the records of Longswamp Reformed, I had observed numerous examples were either a Mertz infant was baptized and Conrad and Elizabeth Drescher stood as sponsor or vice versa. For example, in Sep 1776, Conrad and Elisabetha Drescher were sponsors for the baptism of Jonathan Mertz son of Peter and Susanna and then in 1777, Johannes and Margaretha Mertz were sponsors for the baptism of Susanna daughter of Conrad and Elisabetha Drescher. The explanation for both of these, I thought, was as simple as Elisabetha was the sister of Johannes and Peter Mertz.

Now consider these two additional baptisms: In Jan 1776, Conrad Drescher and Elisabeth Mertz, both single, were sponsors for the baptism of Johannes, son of Johannes and Margaretha. And at the 1782 baptism of the unnamed daughter of Johannes and wife, who I think was likely Gertraut, the sponsors were Conrad Drescher and Gertraut Sassman. (Note that means there were really three baptisms where Margaretha and Conrad took part together).

As to the first of these latter two baptisms, I have observed the pattern many times at Longswamp baptisms that a sponsor was typically a sibling of one or the other parents and if single, it was possibly a "dating" situation and the single couple may well end up married to each other in the near future. So that only makes Conrad possibly Elizabeth's "date" and doesn't necessarily indicate he was Margaretha's bother — but wouldn't it be special if the sponsors were in fact a sibling of each parent?

And that's what makes the second one so significant. Elisabetha was about four months pregnant at the time so perhaps wasn't able to stand as sponsor. Or maybe Gertraut Sassaman was Conrad's and Margaretha's sister (for whom the child who I think was Gertraut, in part because Gertraut Sassaman was a sponsor) and so Elisabetha got the day off. I cannot imagine any other scenario that would explain why Johannes and Margaretha would have Conrad Drescher as sponsor without Elisabetha.

So I don't consider it totally proven, it would be nice to find more evidence, but I suspect that Gertaut's find-a-grave memorial is wrong about her mother's given name but right about her maiden name. Clearly the given name was Margaret as early as 1776 and then still in 1786 when Johannes died.

Known Sons
We know the names of his two sons, both minors, from their mother Margaret's petition to the Orphans Court. They were John, designated P3a, and Philip, designated P3b.

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Spouse: Margaret Drescher

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Marriage: abt 1770

Parent-Proof
See the discussion about daughter Gertraut in the section just above on Johannes' daughters. Her find-grave memorial says she was the daughter of Johannes Mertz and Catherine Drescher. I think that memorial is wrong as to John's wife's given name — it was Margaret for sure — but may very well be right about Margaret's maiden name, Drescher. (Johannes, the son of Johannes and Margaretha did marry a Catharina and that could be the source of some confusion as to her name.)

And one other thing: when Margaret was appointed Administrator of her husband's estate in 1786, her sureties were Philip Drescher also of Longswamp and and Frederick Gossler of Reading. Yet another Drescher connection.

Sources
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2. Probate Records Berks County, PA, 1700's to current, Wills, Estate Files, Repository: LDS On-line Images, Also now on Ancestry.com, Johannes' estate file is image 1721 in the appropriate tranch.
3. Land Records Berks County Tax Lists , Longswamp Township, Listed as a single man.
4. Specific LDS Film 385050, Orphan's Court 1751-1792, Berks County, PA, 13 Sep 1786. Margaret Mertz, the widow of Johannes petitions for guardians for John's minor children: Elizabeth, Barbara, John, Gertraut, Philip.

Name: **Johannes Mertz (P3a)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

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Birth: 28 Jan 1776 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo: (baptismal record transcribed by Butz)
Death: 31 May 1858
Burial: Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA[9]
Father: Johannes Mertz (P3) (~1746-~1786)
Mother: Margaret

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know that Johannes, son of Johannes and Margaret, was a real person. He was named as John's son in Margaret's Orphans Court petition. Moreover, his baptism was recorded in the records of Longswamp Church. We also know that he and wife Catharina baptized their son John in 1801 at Longswamp. Johannes is designated P3a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
THE MAHANOY TOWNSHIP MERTZES. I believe I can track this John, but as usual, my version of events is at odds with certain published materials on the Martz/Mertz family.

There seems little doubt that the Johannes whose wife was Catharina Sterner who baptized son John at Longswamp in 1801 and was listed in the 1800 Census there was the known son of Johannes and Margaretha. This line did not move to Northumberland County when most of the rest of the family did so in about 1785 because Johannes the father had died. But then what happened to him after 1800?

My answer to that question is he eventually did move to Northumberland County where he appeared in the records of Howerters Church, was listed in Census in Upper Mahanoy Township and died in 1858 and was buried at the Blue Church in Ralpho Township -- all Northumberland County places. He started out in the Mahanoy area quite apart from any of his cousins in other parts of the county.

1800. He and his wife, both age 16-26, lived in Longswamp Township with one young son.

Two men named John Mertz were among the Longswamp taxables in 1801 or maybe John was taxed on two different tracts of land.

1810. I believe he was the man indexed as John Marle living in Upper Mahanoy Township in 1810, age 26-45 as was his wife with 2 sons and 2 daughters all under the age of 10. There no longer was a John in Longswamp.

1820. John Martz Sr. 45+ and John Martz Jr. 16-26 lived in Upper Mahanoy Township.

1830. For a long time, I couldn’t find John in 1830. Two of his sons remained in Upper Mahanoy, but where was John?

Then I found an 1829 deed recorded in Northumberland County (deed book X, page 29) where John Martz of Barry Township, Schuylkill County sold 100 acres to Benjamin Martz of Upper Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County. Benjamin was a son of John’s. And then I found a man listed as John Matz in Barry Township in 1830. I believe this was John Martz.

Then in 1840 and 1850, John had moved to Coal Township and we learn from the 1850 Census that John, now of Coal Township, was born about 1776. (Benjamin too moved to Coal Township by 1840.)

The Joseph A Meiser treatise on the Martzes of Northumberland County didn't quite understand how simple this was. Meiser wrote: *"Johann Benjamin Mertz, born February 4, 1777 in Berks County, resided in the Mahantango Valley near the Howerter Lutheran Reformed Church. He is believed to have lived on the Schuylkill County side of the county line that ran through the church property. His wife's name was Catharina, believed to be Stenner or Sterner. She preceded him in death although the date and place of her burial are unknown. In the 1820's he and at least two of his sons moved to Coal Township where John died May 31, 1858 and was buried in the Blue Church Reformed Church Cemetery in Ralpho Township.*

Historians are frequently confused by the early Martz burials in this cemetery:

1. *John Martz (2/4/1777-5/31/1858) m. Catharine Sterner*
2. *John Martz (12/22/1780-9/22/1852) m. Elizabeth Arter (12/4/1777-9/24/1852)*
3. *Henry Martz (10/17/1786-8/?/1848) m. Eliz Fagley (3/16/1794-5/28/1870)*

John Martz (1777-1858) was not a brother of either John Martz (1780-1852) or Henry Martz (1786-1848). He could have been a first cousin.

Children:
Henry Mertz (ca. 1797-) m. Sophia ____
Benjamin Mertz (4/20/1799-10/11/1884) m. Lydia Arnold (9/24/1803-5/21/1853)
John Mertz (6/16/1801-2/17/1888) m. Mary Weary (1808-6/5/1867)
Catharina Mertz (4/8/1803-12/24/1876) m. George Fetter (7/4/1801-7/17/1878)
Sarah (Saloma) Mertz (9/30/1808-10/23/1887) m. Johannes Maurer (1806-1852)
Susanna Mertz (3/21/1813-)
Elizabeth Mertz (3/29/1814-) m. Michael Kerstetter"

Here are my comments on what Meiser said:

1. His name was Johannes or John, it was not John Benjamin. Johannes had a son named Benjamin and JL Floyd in a profile on a grandson of Benjamin's referred to that man's grandfather and great-grandfather both as Benjamin — a simple typo I think. What he said about the grandfather Benjamin was reasonably accurate and what he said about the great-grandfather who was Johannes but mistakenly called Benjamin was also reasonably accurate — except for giving him the name Benjamin. Then Joseph Meiser, I think, simply invented the name Johann Benjamin to attempt to accommodate what he knew about Johannes with the fact that Floyd called him Benjamin. It is total nonsense.
2. The date of death Meiser gives for the John Martz, husband of Elizabeth Arter, is totally wrong, he died 30 Apr 1815.
3. I am not at all confused by who these three men buried at Blue Church were. John (died 1815, not 1852) and Henry were brothers, sons of David and Barbara (Miller) Mertz. The other John (died 1858) was indeed their first cousin.
4. I generally agree with Meiser as to the list of John's children. Three of the four daughters (all but Susanna) were baptized at Howerters after the family moved, so only Susanna's existence is in doubt. Son John was baptized at Longswamp before the family moved. There is ample evidence that Benjamin was another son though,

from his age on his tombstone, he too must have been baptized at Longswamp before the move — but his baptism went unrecorded. There is possibly a little doubt about whether Henry was also a son and a lot of doubt about his date of birth.

5. John only briefly lived in Schuylkill County, his presence in Mahanoy in 1810 and 1820 is verified by Census. Heinrich and his family did, I believe, live in Schuylkill. And John did also live there for a short period around the time of the 1830 Census.
6. It was the 1830's when John moved to Coal Township and I think only his son Benjamin also made that move with him.

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Discrepancies

Joseph Meiser in his chapter on Martz/Mertz Pioneers of Northumberland County lists Johannes and wife Catharina Stenner as an unconnected Mertz line and indicates they worshipped at Howerters. Meiser says Johannes was born 4 Feb 1777 (which is also what Meiser's Blue Church tombstone transcription says and then also what find-a-grave says, based on Meiser's transcription) and that he lived near the Howerters Church but actually in Schuylkill County.

I didn't pay much attention to this "unconnected" Johannes until I found the Howerters Church records where they did indeed worship and baptize certain children and sponsor baptisms of their grandchildren. It seems clear that one of their children was named John (or Johannes) and that he married Polly. He was not among the children that Johannes and Catharina baptized at Howerters, the earliest of which was in 1803. John (Jr.) was probably born before 1803 as his earliest child's baptism was 1820.

Suddenly, it all made sense. It was the people I knew from Longswamp that I had lost track of. I believe that Catharina Stenner is the person Butz named, in Longswamp records, Catharina Sterner who with husband Johannes baptized son John in 1801 at Longswamp -- the infant being none other than the John who married Polly and baptized children at Howerters starting in 1820.

The question then was if this was the Johannes in Longswamp in the 1800 Census, where was he in 1810? I had already looked for him in Schuylkill County (per the Meiser statement) to no avail. Then I found a man indexed by Ancestry as John Marle in 1810 in Upper Mahanoy Township (where Howerters is) and on inspection, I am convinced the name was written Marts.

The one discordant note here relates to Johannes' birth date. From Longswamp records as transcribed by Butz, we know his birth date was 28 Jan 1776. But Meiser says in several places, about Johannes buried at Blue Church, presumably quoting his tombstone, he was born 4 Feb 1777. I'm not sure how to explain the discrepancy. But I'm not concerned about it.

But I became totally convinced I was right that Johannes of Howerters did indeed come from Longswamp when once again, the fact of my putting my database on-line so others can find me paid off. A woman named Marge Hinners found me. She is a descendant of Peter Metzger and wife Barbara and knew a lot about this couple, including that they had lived in Mahanoy Township, but did not apparently know that Barbara was Barbara Mertz, daughter of Johannes and Margaretha -- until she found record of their marriage on my website.

I had found that marriage citation long ago, in some Longswamp Township records. I wasn't certain who Barbara was but I listed the marriage in my database guessing it was the known daughter of Johannes named Barbara. They married in 1796 and so there were very few Mertzes present in that place anymore by that time.

But the Mahanoy Township connection is the proof of everything. When Johannes and Catharina baptized their daughter Catharina in 1803 at Howerters Church, the sponsors were Peter Metzger and wife Barbara. Barbara was the sister of Johannes born 1776 who came to Mahanoy Township.

And one final note. Peter Metzger and the aforementioned John Marle were listed in the 1810 Census one right after the other. Now, the way Census records were listed in that decade, all the "M" names were grouped together, still Peter and John did not have to be listed among all the M's right one after the other. I attach some significance to that fact and each fact here strengthens the conclusions I have drawn.

Death and Find-a-Grave
John is on find-a-grave. The biography given by J L Floyd is given there, the one that called him Benjamin. I got the person who maintains that memorial to correct it to Johannes.

[I make note here that somewhere I saw that Letters of Administration were issued 3 Jun 1861 for a John Mertz to Jacob, Hannah and John Mertz and William Rigel. Who is this John? The timing is right that it could be this John, a little late, but I don't know who those heirs would be. I don't think it was this John but since I don't know who it was, I note it here only so as not to lose track of it.]

Known Daughters
Joseph Meiser lists four daughters of John and Catharine and names husbands for three of them: Catharina married George Fetter, Sarah (Saloma) married Johannes Maurer (Mowery), Susanna (nothing more known about her apparently) and Elizabeth married Michael Kerstetter. All but Susanna was baptized at Howerter's so I can't really confirm her existence. And I know nothing more about Elizabeth.

I have done enough work to confirm that Catharine did indeed marry George Fetter and that Sarah (Salome) did indeed marry John Mowery and I was able to track Sarah and John to Jefferson County (where her brother, John, also moved).

Known Sons
Johannes had two sons for sure -- Benjamin and John. And I think Heinrich too must have been another son although the case is little weaker than the other two. I have been able to generally track all three of them.

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Spouse:	**Catharine Sterner**	
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Marriage:	14 Jan 1798	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Marr Memo:	(Butz)	

Parent-Proof
For a long time, I wasn't sure of the spelling of her maiden name. Butz said Sterner, and cited other persons of that name, too. Meiser said Stenner, which is how she was listed at Howerters.

But I also have in very old handwritten notes this from Butz: Johannes and Catherine Stellar baptized a child in 1801. M L Kueker also thought about this and said the name was most likely Scheurer. She found record on LDS film 1294878 (Butz) mention of the marriage of Johannes and Catharine Sterner 14 Jan 1798 but she also found the same marriage listed with her name given as Catharina Scheurer. She said Scheurer is a known name of that time and place, while Sterner is not.

But then in 2021, a woman working on a DAR application for a descendant of Johannes contacted me to confirm some of the things I said about Johannes and his daughter Saloma and she found the baptism of daughter Catharina to Michael and Catharina Sterner at Zion Evangelical Lutheran church (about 4 miles from Longswamp). She also found that Michael and Catharina baptized these other children at Zion: Elisabeth in 1784, Susannah in 1786, John in 1788, Salome in 1791, and Magdalena in 1793.

She added that Michael Sterner died in Somerset County, PA in 1815 and though he listed his daughters in his will, he didn't use their married names: "Caty Sterner, Betsy Sterner, Susanna Sterner, Sally Sterner".

But that list of Michael's daughters is quite compelling in the similarity it has to the names Catharine gave her daughters.

Sources

1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 25 Feb 1776. Johannes Mertz s/o Johannes and Margaretha baptized. Sponsors: Elisabeth Mertz (single) and Conrad Drescher. The new born, Johannes, is also known from Orphans Court petitions of his mother after his father dies.
2. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Mertz, Longswamp Berks, 1/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0, 0/0.
3**.** 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Marle, Upper Mahanoy Twp, North'd Co, PA, 2/2, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
4. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Martz Jr., (6 people), Upper Mahanoy Twp, North'd Co, PA, 0/0, 0/1, 1/1, 0, 0/1, 1/0.
5. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Matz, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, 10-14M, 50-59M, 5-9F, 20-29F, 50-59F.
6. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Marby, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA, 60-69M .
7. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 74, Coal, North'd, PA.
8. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, St Peter's Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1982, Repository: LDS Film, Johannes Mertz birth date cited as 4 Feb 1777.

Name: **Heinrich Mertz (P3a1)**[1,2]

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Birth: abt 1797
Birth Memo: (Meiser estimate, as good as any)
Death: abt 1835
Death Memo: (after 1830 Census, before 1840)
Father: Johannes Mertz (P3a) (1776-1858)
Mother: Catharine Sterner

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Joseph Meiser lists Henry as Johannes' oldest son and says born 1797. I think that birth date is his guess based mainly on the fact that Heinrich was already baptizing children by 1817. But there are perhaps contradictory clues.

But the first question is was Heinrich actually the son of Johannes? There is no direct evidence that I am aware of but the indirect evidence is that he was a Mertz of Howerters and obviously a good bit younger than Johannes. And as I say in many other places, I have studied all the other Mertz families in Pennsylvania (and other places) and there is not a known other Heinrich of about this Heinrich's age that I can't account for.

And then the second question is when was he born? Let's start with Meiser's guess, 1797. If so, he was not Catharine Sterner's son as she and Johannes married in January 1788. And they had son Benjamin, who, per his tombstone, was born in April 1799. That leaves a very narrow window for Heinrich if he was Catharine's son and was their oldest son.

Let's look at Census. Henry was 26-44 in 1820 — implies born prior to 1795 or so. And he was 40-49 in 1830, pushing his implied birth back to prior to 1790. But Johannes was born in 1776, so clearly he didn't have a son born before 1790.

So, one solution to these contradictions is to think maybe Johannes had a first wife prior to Catharine, perhaps marrying her in, say 1795 or 1796, had son Heinrich and then his first wife died and he married second Catharine in 1798. It solves the contradictions but there is no evidence of any previous marriage of Johannes.

Heinrich is designated P3a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking

Henry was tough to find in Census but I am now convinced I did find him.

There was a Henry Mertz in Upper Mahantango Township, Schuylkill County in 1820. This township immediately abuts the Mahanoy area of Northumberland County where Howerters Church was and Meiser suggested (erroneously) that John may have lived on the other side of that county line — so there are a lot of reasons to believe this is Henry, son of Johannes.

Both he and his wife were 26-44.

But then I found him as Henry Matz in the same place in 1830 age 40-49. That clearly is too old so could cast some doubt on whether Henry of Census is the right Henry. But the head count of children seems about right.

But consider this. I cannot find any trace of him — anywhere — in 1840. But I have found an 1841 marriage record for his wife Sophia, of Upper Mahantango. I think Henry died before the 1840 Census and Sophia and her children were living with a relative of hers.

And finally, I found Henrich's son Nicholas in the 1850 Census. He should have been age 28 but he was age 23, another reporting error, but everything seems to fit except the age.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
I think he died before the 1840 Census. As of summer 2015, he is not on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
He baptized daughter Maria in 1817, I don't know what happened to her.

Known Sons
Henry and wife Sophia baptized a son John George (born 27 Feb 1816, baptized 21 Apr 1816) at St. Johns Lutheran and Reformed Church in Friedensburg, Schuylkill County. I have no idea what happened to him but there are several Georges born in the 18-teens that I can't place.

At Howerters, they also baptized son Heinrich in 1819 and son Nicholas in 1822. I don't know what happened to Heinrich. Nicholas went on to be confirmed in 1839 at Howerters and was reported as head of household in the 1850 Census in Upper Mahantango — and then he too disappears from the record.

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Spouse: Sophia Mattern
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Parent-Proof
On the Schuylkill County Genweb Archives site, I found Marriages of Schuylkill County and Vicinity, 1832-1854, as published in Die Stimme des Volks, Orwigsburg, PA. There I found:

7 Nov 1841. Henry Roop married Sophia Mertz nee Badern both of Upper Mahantango.

I think her name might better be spelled Mattern since Amelia Mattern lived with Nicholas in 1850.

Sources
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2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Henry Matz, 40-49, Upper Mahantango Tw, Schuylkill Co, PA, 5-9M, 15-19M, 40-49M, 10-14F, 40-49F. (A neighbor is Henry Mattern).
3. Church Records: Howerters Church, Northumberland Co (Mahanoy Twp area), Printout of baptisms, Repository: North'd Co GenWeb Archives, Maria d/o Henrich Mertz & Sophia 30 Oct 1817 26 Dec 1817.
4. Church Records: Howerters Church, Northumberland Co (Mahanoy Twp area), Printout of baptisms, Repository: North'd Co GenWeb Archives, Henrich s/o Henrich Mertz & Sophia Sep 1819 17 Oct 1819.

Name: **Nicholas Mertz (P3a1a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 13 Sep 1822
Death: 1850
Father: Heinrich Mertz (P3a1) (~1797-~1835)
Mother: Sophia Badern

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Nicholas from three events. His baptism in in 1822, his confirmation at Howerters in Spring 1839 and his only appearance that I know of in Census in 1850. He is designated P3a1a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

On 10 Jan 1851, his widow renounced as administrator of his estate.

Sources

1. Church Records: Howerter's Church, Northumberland Co (Mahanoy Twp area), Printout of baptisms, Repository: North'd Co GenWeb Archives, Nicholas s/o Henrich Mertz & wife Sophia 13 Sep 1822 13 Oct 1822.

2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Nicholas Martz, 23, Upper Mahantango, Schuylkill, PA, Elizabeth 20 and Ameila Mattern 5.

Name: **Benjamin Martz (P3a2)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

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Birth: 20 Apr 1799
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 11 Oct 1884
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: Johannes Mertz (P3a) (1776-1858)
Mother: Catharine Sterner

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
There is no record of Benjamin's baptism but his presence at Howerters with Johannes and his family, his presence in Upper Mahanoy Township when he was first listed in Census and then his relocation to Coal Township in the same decade that Johannes made the same move all are strong indications of his being of this family.

Moreover, when Benjamin and wife Lydia baptized their daughter Juliana in 1824, at Howerters, the sponsors were John Mertz and wife Catharina, grandparents [meaning of the infant]. Benjamin and his father Johannes moved to Coal Township about the same time.

Benjamin is designated P3a2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
He was first listed in the 1830 Census in Upper Mahanoy Township.

Then in 1840-1860, he was in Coal Township. Then in 1870 and 1880, he lived with one or the other of his daughters in Shamokin Township.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Benjamin is on find-a-grave. Five children are linked to him: Sarah Irick, Caroline Wary, Matilda Thomas, Phietta Smink, and John.

Known Daughters
There is no document I've ever found that names all of Benjamin's children. From Census, I know he had daughters named Juliana (who I also know from her baptism), Matilda, and Fayetta. Matilda (1834-1909) is known from her death certificate, Matilda Thomas, daughter of Benjamin Martz and Lydia Arnold.

Matilda and Fayetta (Phietta) are also linked to him on find-a-grave. In addition, if find-a-grave is accurate (I consider it a very good source but mistakes do happen), Sarah and Caroline can be added to the list.

I had always wondered about Caroline, who is listed as age 8 in the 1850 Census in Coal Township (where only Benjamin's family lived at the time) living with John and Sarah Irish. I think the Census listing and find-a-grave both point to the conclusion that both Caroline and Sarah Irish (Irick) were, in fact, daughters of Benjamin's.

Then there was a Lydia Martz age 24 (living with David and Elizabeth Thompson) also in Coal Township in 1850. Elizabeth was too old to be Benjamin's daughter I think (certainly not Lydia Arnold's) but Lydia might be yet another daughter.

One final point. I am a DNA cousin of someone who descends from Sarah and John Irick and the only obvious connection would be that Sarah, was indeed a Martz.

Known Sons
From Census, there was Samuel, John, Charles and Jacob. In addition there was a Daniel Martz living nearby in 1850 but with another family who I wonder if might also have been Benjamin's son.

Jacob died in August 1869 according to the 1870 Mortality Census and I lose track of Charles. I have tracked Daniel, John and Samuel further.

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Spouse:	**Lydia Arnold**

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Birth:	4 Sep 1803
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	21 May 1853
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave only says May 1853, Meiser had the full date))
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA

Sources
1. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Benj. Mertz, Upper Mahanoy Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M, 10-14M, 30-39M, <5F (2), 5-9F, 20-29F .
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Benjamin Marty, Coal Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M, 5-9M, 10-14M, 40-49M, <5F, 10-14F (2), 15-19F (2), 30-39F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benjamin Martz, 51, Coal, North'd, PA, Lydia 47, Julian 26, Elizabeth 17, Matilda 14, Samuel 13, Fayetta 11, John 9, Charles 8, Jacob 6.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benjamin Martz, 61, Coal, North'd, PA, Anna 35, Jacob 14.
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Benjamin Martz, 71, Shamokin, North'd, PA, lives with Feetta Sammick 33 his daughter and her family.
6. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Benjamin Martz, 81, Shamokin, North'd, PA, lives with Annie Holmes 55 his daughter .
7. Church Records: Howerter's Church, Northumberland Co (Mahanoy Twp area), Printout of baptisms, Repository: North'd Co GenWeb Archives, Juliana Mertz d/o Benjamin & wife Lydia 24 Apr 1824 6 Jun 1824 sp. John Mertz and Catharina (grandparents).

Name: **Daniel Martz (P3a2a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1828
Birth Memo: (age in Census)
Death: 1865
Death Memo: (present in 1860, absent in 1870)
Father: Benjamin Martz (P3a2) (1799-1884)
Mother: Lydia Arnold (1803-1853)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Daniel Martz, age 22, lives with the Mousey family in Coal Township in 1850. I don't know for sure who he was.

The other Martzes in Coal Township then were Johannes and his son Benjamin and Daniel is a perfect age to be Benjamin's son, so I am willing to guess that he was the son of Benjamin Martz of Coal Township and was off working on someone else's farm.

In support of this theory, I do note that Benjamin had a son age 10-15 in 1840 who I otherwise can't name. Daniel is designated P3a2a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
By 1860, Daniel had married Angeline and they had two daughters. Then, by 1870, Daniel disappeared but I am sure I have found his widow Angeline then married to Joseph Holshue. The same two daughters, plus Isabelle born in 1861, lived in that household, though all three reported as if their name was Holshue.

Known Daughters
From the 1870 Census, it wasn't totally clear if Isabelle was Daniel's daughter or whether she really was the daughter of Angeline by Joseph Holshue. But Rebecca Schmitt, a descendant of Isabelle's, contacted me and we concluded there was no doubt she was Daniel's daughter. The timing — she was born just a little more than a year after the 1860 Census was taken — strongly suggest so. Plus her death certificate lists her mother as Angeline Eisenhart and her father as Martz, given name unknown. Finally, in the 1880 Census, Isabelle listed as Joseph's step-daughter and her name given as Isabelle Martz.

Spouse: **Angeline Eisenhart**[3]

Birth: 2 Feb 1837
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave, photo)
Death: 10 Aug 1916
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Benjamin Martz Shamokin Cemetery, Shamokin, PA

Parent-Proof
We know her maiden name from the death certificates of the three daughters she had with Daniel. She married Joseph Holshue after Daniel died.

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 22, Coal, North'd, PA, lives with Jacob and Elizabeth Mourey.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 33, Coal, North'd, PA, Angeline 23, Mary E 4, Ledia Ann 8m.

3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Angeline Holshue, 33, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Mary E (Martz) 15, Lydia A (Martz) 11, Isabella (Martz) 9, Joseph Holshue 33, Mary Eisenhart 59 -- daughters listed as if their name was Holshue.

Name: **Samuel Martz (P3a2b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1837[4]
Birth Memo: (Census)
Death: 19 Jan 1889
Death Memo: (Joseph Meiser)
Father: Benjamin Martz (P3a2) (1799-1884)
Mother: Lydia Arnold (1803-1853)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

A Samuel Martz (1836-1903) married Catherine Hilbush and I have worked hard from time to time to figure out who he was. For awhile I thought the answer was obvious, that he was the Samuel listed as a son of Benjamin in the 1850 Census, age 13.

But Joseph Meiser accounts for Benjamin's son Samuel. He says Samuel Martz (1837-1/19/1889) married Mary _____ (11/18/1832-1/7/1889) and is buried in Shamokin Cemetery.

I can't verify where he is buried, he is not on find-a-grave, but indeed, Census shows this Samuel Martz listed in Coal Township in 1860, age 24, and in Shamokin Township in 1870 and 1880, always with wife Mary.

Samuel is designated P3a2b.

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Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 24, Coal, North'd, PA, Mary 26, Presilla 4, Clara 1 month.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 36, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Mary 37, Rose B 14, Clarence 12, Walter 8, Lillie 5.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 44, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Mary 47, Clarence P 22, Walter B 18, Lillie R 15.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 24, Coal, North'd, PA, Mary 26, Presilla 4, Clara 1m.

Name: **John Martz (P3a2c)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 12 Sep 1839
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate snd find-a-grave)
Death: 30 Sep 1921[4]
Death Memo: (PA death certificate and find-a-grave)
Burial: Shamokin Cemetery, Shamokin, PA
Father: Benjamin Martz (P3a2) (1799-1884)
Mother: Lydia Arnold (1803-1853)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know John as the son of Benjamin from his presence in his father's household in the 1850 Census. In addition, his death certificate says he was the son of Benjamin Martz and (no first name) Arnold.

He is designated P3a2c.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
He was in Coal and/or Shamokin Township consistently in Census.

Death and Find-a-Grave
John and his wife Elizabeth were on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Elizabeth Weary**

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Birth: 17 Feb 1840
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Married: 5 Jun 1859
Marr Memo: (newspapers.com)
Death: 10 Feb 1890
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Shamokin Cemetery, Shamokin, PA

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name comes from her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 20, Coal, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 29, Benjamin F 2 months.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 30, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Elisabeth 30, Benjamin 10, Lincoln 8, Calvin 2.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 40, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 40, George 18, Calvin 12, John 7.
4. Vital Record "PA Death Certificate," 1906-1963, Repository: Ancestry.com, John Martz, 12 sep 1839-30 Sep 1921, Benjamin Martz and _____ Arnold, died Shamokin to be buried Shamokin.

Name: **Johannes Martz (P3a3)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]

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Birth:	6 Jun 1801 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(baptism at Longswamp Reformed, matches find-a-grave)
Death:	17 Feb 1888
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave, tombstone says age 86)
Burial:	Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA
Father:	Johannes Mertz (P3a) (1776-1858)
Mother:	Catharine Sterner

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Johannes as a son of Johannes and Catharina from his baptism at Longswamp Reformed, he was born 6 Jun 1801. His parents then moved to Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County where they worshiped at Howerter's Church, so clearly, this was the John known to have married Polly Wehry in Mahanoy Township and then baptized children with wife Polly at Howerters Church named Daniel (1820) and Elias (1821). And he was quite clearly the John Martz Jr. living near his father in 1820 in Upper Mahanoy Township.

But then what happened to him? For a long time I thought I had tracked this John to Auglaize County, OH because a John Mertz died in Auglaize and reportedly had been born 4 Jun 1801 (find-a-grave now says 15 Jun 1801). I could make any number of arguments for how his birth date was documented as 6 Jun in one place and 4 Jun in another. That small discrepancy was not a big deal to me.

But the tip-off that Mahanoy John was not Auglaize John should have been that there was no mention of Daniel and Elias as being part of Auglaize John's family and moreover the wife of Auglaize John was Sarah Harmony and not Polly Wehry. So I had to believe that Polly died and John married Sarah second and that when he moved to Auglaize in the 1840's, his adult sons Daniel and Elias stayed behind.

When DNA proved that Auglaize John was indeed part of the family that originated in Longswamp Township, Berks County -- I felt my theory was substantially proven.

But I was wrong. In 2015, I heard from Donald Sigwalt who told me of his ancestor John Marts (later Martz) who was living in Ringgold Township, Jefferson County, PA at the time of the 1850 Census with wife Mary (aka Polly?) and sons Daniel 30 and Eli (identified as Elias at other times) age 28 -- and a slew of younger children. It had to be John of Mahanoy Township as that would be too big a coincidence to have such an intact family -- the same four names assuming Mary is Polly and all of the right approximate age -- to be some other random family.

And the evidence grew from there. Birth dates of John and his sons Elias and Daniel from their Ringgold tombstones match their known birth dates from their church baptisms. The obituary of John's son Benjamin Franklin says he was born in Northumberland County to parents John and Mary (Weary) Martz. And finally, a great-great-great-grandson of Johannes has had his DNA tested and it confirms that the Ringgold Martz family is directly descended from the Longswamp Mertz family.

I now think there can be no doubt that Don Sigwalt's ancestor John of Ringgold was indeed Johannes III born in Longswamp.

John is designated P3a3.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
John lived near his father in 1820 and 1830 and then moved to Jefferson County, PA by 1840.

In 1850, he lived in Ringgold Township and his family consisted of himself, age 50, wife Mary 53, Daniel 30, Eli 28, Solomon 21, Charles 17, Elizabeth 16, Lydia 13 and Polly 9.

Death and Find-a-Grave
He is on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
From Census, he had daughters named Elizabeth, Lydia and Polly. Elizabeth married Samuel Stewart in 1854 and is linked to him on find-a-grave. Plus there is a Catherine who married Michael Shilling also linked to John and Polly as her parents on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
I can identify six sons of John's born before 1850. I know Daniel and Elias from their baptisms at Howerters and their presence with John in 1850. They are also buried at Ringgold Methodist Church, like their parents. Daniel always lived with John and died in 1873. I do not think he married. He is not designated.

I know Solomon and Charles from the 1850 Census. Solomon ends up in Kansas, Charles is buried at Ringgold.

Finally there is a William and a Benjamin Franklin, both linked to John and Polly on find-a-grave as their sons. The were already living on their own in 1850, near their parents. Benjamin Franklin is buried at Ringgold Methodist, William at another area cemetery.

So, the five designated sons are:

P3a3a Elias born 1821
P3a3b William born 1823
P3a3c Benjamin Franklin born 1825
P3a3d Solomon born 1830
P3a3e Charles born 1833

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Spouse:	**Mary Magdalena (Polly) Wehry**
Birth:	3 May 1798
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	1 Oct 1819
Marr Memo:	(newspaper article)
Death:	5 Jun 1867
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA
Father:	Anthony Wehry

Parent-Proof
Mention was made in the Nordwetliche Post on 26 Nov 1819 that on 1 Oct, John Merz of Upper Mahony married Polly Wehry daughter of Anthony of Little Mahony.

In 1820 John Mertz and wife Polly sponsored the baptism of Ruben Weary.

When John and Polly baptized their son Elias, the sponsors were Christian Kramer and wife Lydia (Weary).

An 1839 deed records that the heirs of Anthony Weary sold his land. The heirs named included Elizabeth wife of John Martz Jr. and Polly (then later called Lydia twice) wife of Christian Kramer.

I think the deed was a little scrambled, Polly was the wife of John Martz and Lydia the wife of Christian Kramer and I don't know Elizabeth.

Sources
1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. born 6 Jun 1801. Johannes Mertz s/o Johannes and Catharina. Sponsors: Jacob Trexler and Maria Drescher.
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), John Martz Jr., Upper Mahanoy Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0, 0/0, 0/0.
3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Martz, Little Mahanoy Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M (2), 5-9M (2), 30-39M, <5F, 30-39F.
4. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Martz, Porter Twp, Jefferson Co, PA, 5-9M (2), 10-14M (2), 15-19M (2), 40-49M, <5F (2), 10-14F, 40-49F.
5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Marts, 50, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Mary 53, Daniel 30, Eli 28, Solomon 21, Charles 17, Elizabeth 16, Lydia 13, Polly 9.
6. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 58, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Maria M 60, Daniel 40, William Slagle 27, Maria M Slagle 20, Sarah Shaker 16.
7. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Marty, 69, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Daniel 49, Jonathan 21 + Elizabeth Steuert 34 and her chilcren.
8. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marts, 78, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, lives with John Stewart 22 his grandson and other Stewarts.
9. Church Records: Howerters Church, Northumberland Co (Mahanoy Twp area), Printout of baptisms, Repository: North'd Co GenWeb Archives, Daniel Mertz s/o Johannes & wife Polly 3 Jul 1820 6 Aug 1820 sp. Johannes Mertz & wife Catharina.

Name: **Elias Martz (P3a3a)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 10 Oct 1821
Birth Memo: (Howerters Church baptism, matches find-a-grave)
Death: 18 May 1887
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA
Father: Johannes Martz (P3a3) (1801-1888)
Mother: Mary Magdalena (Polly) Wehry (1798-1867)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Elias from his baptism at Howerters and he lived with his father in 1850. He is designated P3a3a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
Elias lived his adult life in Jefferson County.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Elias and his wife Elizabeth are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Elizabeth Shilling**

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Birth: 17 Aug 1835
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 23 Jan 1919
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA

Parent-Proof
She is linked to Elias on find-a-grave and to her parents Jacob R and Mary (Ruble) Shilling. Her brother Michael married Elias' sister Catherine.

Sources
1. Church Records: Howerter's Church, Northumberland Co (Mahanoy Twp area), Printout of baptisms, Repository: North'd Co GenWeb Archives, Elias Mertz s/oo Johannes & Polly 10 Oct 1821 9 Dec 1821.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elias Martz, 39, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Elizabeth 25, Harrison W 5, Albert W 3, Clarisa J 1.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Elias Marty, 47, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Elizabeth 36, Clarissa J 11, Henrietta E 8, Elmyra P 3.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Elias Marts, 56, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Elisabeth 47, Henry E 18, Elmira 13, Cora Estelle 7, Curtis L 3.

Name: **William Martz (P3a3b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	1823
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	19 Feb 1887
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Ramsaytown Methodist Cemetery, Jefferson Co, PA
Father:	Johannes Martz (P3a3) (1801-1888)
Mother:	Mary Magdalena (Polly) Wehry (1798-1867)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
William is linked to Johannes on find-a-grave. From his age and his geographic location, I have no reason to doubt that he was John's son. He is designated P3a3b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
William and his wife Elizabeth are on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
His only son born before 1850 was Jonathan and he is the only one designated and tracked further.

But William also had a son William Arthur (1858-1944) who had a son William Charles Martz (1903-1976) who had a son Wendell Darl (1928-2002) and he had a son Wendell Darl, Jr. whose DNA matches mine and others of the Longswamp/Alsace DNA Project Group.

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Spouse: **Elizabeth Shirey**

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Birth:	17 Oct 1823
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1897
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)

Parent-Proof
William's find-a-grave memorial says his wife Elizabeth was the daughter of John and Maria Sarah (Shaffer) Shirey.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Marts, 28, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Betsy 27, Polly 6, Katy 4, Jonathan 2, Susannah new born.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 37, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Elizabeth 36, Polly 15, Catharine 13, Jonathan 12, Susanna 10, Simon 9, John 6, Ammi J 4, Wiliam A 2.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Marts, 57, Knox, Jefferson, PA, Lisabeth 57, Simon 28, Wiliam A 22, Manda S 15, George M 12.

Name: **Jonathan Martz (P3a3b1)**[1]

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Birth:	31 Jan 1848
Birth Memo:	(PA death certificate, find-a-grave says just 1848)
Death:	1 May 1931
Death Memo:	(PA death certificate, find-a-grave says just 1931)
Burial:	Brookville Cemetery, Brookville, PA
Father:	William Martz (P3a3b) (1823-1887)
Mother:	Elizabeth Shirey (1823-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Jonathan as William's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860 and his grandfather's in 1870. In addition, it says so on his death certificate.

Jonathan has the rare distinction of being a sixth generation descendant born before 1850. He is designated P3a3b1.

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Spouse: **Mary Ellen Heckman**

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Birth:	1862
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1945
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Brookville Cemetery, Brookville, PA

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jonathan Martz, 32, Beaver, Jefferson, PA, Mary 18, Carrie 5m.

Name: **Benjamin Franklin Martz (P3a3c)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	27 May 1825
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	13 Oct 1899
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA
Father:	Johannes Martz (P3a3) (1801-1888)
Mother:	Mary Magdalena (Polly) Wehry (1798-1867)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Benjamin is linked to Johannes on find-a-grave. His obituary posted there says he was born in Northumberland County and was the son of John and Mary (Weary) Martz, which really proves without any doubt that we have correctly identified the Ringgold Martz family as having come there from Mahanoy Township. Benjamin is designated P3a3c.

Relocated and Census Tracking
His obituary says the family came to Ringgold in 1835..

Death and Find-a-Grave
Benjamin and his wife Catherine are on find-a-grave.

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Known Daughters
His obituary lists his daughters as: Sarah Merket who survived him and Ida, Lucetta and Katherine who pre-deceased him.

Known Sons
His obituary lists his sons as: John, Daniel and George who survived him and Amos and Franklin who pre-deceased him. Only son John was born before 1850 and is the only one tracked further.

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Spouse: **Catherine Schaeffer**

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Birth:	4 Jan 1827
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1 Dec 1896
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA

Parent-Proof
Her find-a-grave memorial says she was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Geist) Schaeffer.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benjamin Marts, 24, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Catharine 24, John 3, Betsy 1.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benjamin Martz, 35, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Catharine 31, John 12, Lusetta 10, Daniel 8, Amos 6, Franklin 4, Mary E 1.

3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Benjamin Marty, 45, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Catharine 43, Daniel 18, Amos 15, Franklin 13, Mary E 11, Sarah E 8, Ida A 4, Catharine J 11.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Benjman Marts, 55, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Cathrin 53, Lizzie 18, Alice 15, Cathrin 12, Georg C 8.

Name: **John Martz (P3a3c1)**[1,2]

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Birth:	24 Jul 1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave, death certificate says 24 Jul 1847)
Death:	8 Jan 1920
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Moore Cemetery, Emerickville, PA
Father:	Benjamin Franklin Martz (P3a3c) (1825-1899)
Mother:	Catherine Schaeffer (1827-1896)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know John as Benjamin's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. In addition, his death certificate says so.

John is a rarity. He is a sixth generation Martz born before 1850. He is designated P3a3c1.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

John and his wife Rebecca are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Rebecca Haines**

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Birth:	4 Jun 1841
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	2 Jan 1938
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Moore Cemetery, Emerickville, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Marty, 22, Ringglod, Jefferson, PA, Rebecca 25.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marts, 34, Ringglod, Jefferson, PA, Rebecca 36, Harvy E 11, Mary C 9, Charles C 7, Solomon V 5, Theordo F 6.

Name: **Solomon Martz (P3a3d)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	1830
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1911
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Newbrrn Cemetery, Holland, KS
Father:	Johannes Martz (P3a3) (1801-1888)
Mother:	Mary Magdalena (Polly) Wehry (1798-1867)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Solomon as the son of John from his presence in his father's household. He is designated P3a3d.

Relocated and Census Tracking
He started out in Ringgold and was listed there with Martha and their growing family in 1860 and 1870. Then, the family was in Nebraska in 1880 and 1900.

In 1910, he and his wife Martha had moved to Kansas and were living with their married daughter, Catherine Burnworth. He and Martha are buried in Kansas.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
He and his wife Martha are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Martha E Shrauger**

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Birth:	1839
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1915
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Newbern Cemetery, Holland, KS

Parent-Proof
Both the Social Security Application and Nebraska Marriage record of daughter Katharine (Kate) Burnworth give her mother's maiden name as Shrauger. Ancestry suggests she was the 11 year-old daughter of Francis and Catherine Schrauger of Ringgold in the 1850 Census.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Solomon Martz, 31, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Martha 21, Mary M 1.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Solomon Marty, 40, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Martha 31, Mary M 12, Laura 8, Anna M 6.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Solomon Marte, 51, Ohio, Richardson, NE, Martha E 41, Annie M 16, Katie T 8, John E 7, Bertha M 4.

Name: **Charles Martz (P3a3e)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	5 Jan 1833
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	3 Apr 1906
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA
Father:	Johannes Martz (P3a3) (1801-1888)
Mother:	Mary Magdalena (Polly) Wehry (1798-1867)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Charles as the son of Johannes from his presence in his father's household in 1850. He is designated P3a3e.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Charles and his wife Barbara are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Barbara Milliron**

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Birth:	10 Dec 1836
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	14 Nov 1913
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Ringgold Methodist Church, Jefferson Co, PA

Parent-Proof

According to her find-a-grave memorial, she was the daughter of Philip and Catherine (Brocious) Milliron.

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Charles Martz, 26, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Barbara 23, John W 1, Martha Slagle 2m.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Charles Marty, 37, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Barbra 35, Mary C 9, William 7, Philip H 5, Jesse E 1.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles Marts, 47, Ringgold, Jefferson, PA, Barbra 46, William C 17, Philip H 14, Jesse Elmer 12, Arnie Clark 6.

Name: **Philip Mertz (P3b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	20 May 1784 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	30 Nov 1862
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St. Michaels, Tilden Twp, Berks Co, PA[4]
Father:	Johannes Mertz (P3) (~1746-~1786)
Mother:	Margaret

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Developing a fairly complete profile for Philip has taken quite a while and likely is not yet totally finished. His baptism was recorded in the records of Longswamp Church and it gave a date of birth of 20 May 1784. His Uncle Philip was a sponsor at that baptism and it was helpful in that way at clarifying that there was indeed an older Philip (my ancestor) of the previous generation.

Philip (born 1784) was named as John's son in Margaret's 1786 Orphans Court petition after his father died. And he was also specifically mentioned in the 1787 will of his grandfather Peter.

And I long have known that a Philip Mertz is buried in Tilden Township, Berks County with a date of birth on his tombstone exactly matching the date of birth from his baptism record. He died in 1862.

It was determining where he was all his adult life and learning the names of his wife and children which was not so easily determined. But over time, I have learned a lot more.

His find-a-grave memorial was helpful. No wife was linked to him on find-a-grave (until I submitted the edits to accomplish it) but two daughters were.

One was Catherine, wife of George Seaman. She is buried in the same cemetery as her father. I'm pretty sure I can see her maiden name on her tombstone and I found a church burial record saying she was the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Miller) Mertz and wife of George Seaman. That certainly was helpful.

The other was Sarah, wife of Jacob Charles Jones. She is buried in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County. Her find-a-grave memorial gives her maiden name as Mertz and, as noted, she was linked to Philip as her father — but how was all that known? It was only in 2021 when I decided to see if I could find evidence of that father-daughter relationship that I learned so much more about Philip's life.

The first thing I found was a profile of her husband that said his mother was Elizabeth (Mertz) Jones (born 1786), wife of Carl/Charles. She too is on find-a-grave, with her surname spelled Tschons (the German form of Jones apparently). That was a a real surprise, a Mertz born in 1786 that I had never heard of before. When I saw that she was buried at Zions Red Church Cemetery in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, PA, I knew that was a familiar cemetery I had encountered before.

So I looked for everyone named Mertz also buried in that cemetery. Now one thing that is true about Schuylkill County is it is a place where I say there was "mixing of the blood". As Mertzes spread out from Berks County to other counties in America, in almost all cases, everyone of that name in that new county shared a common ancestor — who may or may

not have himself moved there. Not so, Schuylkill County — in this place we find descendants of several different Berks County Mertzes from the different family lines.

Sure enough, the Mertzes I remembered having found at Zions Red were not relevant to the story of Philip's life — except for one. There was a memorial there I had never seen before for Elizabeth (Miller) Mertz who died in 1842 and it said she was the wife of Philip Mertz with all the information there coming from "church and burial records".

At first this was perplexing. Could she be this Philip's wife? The name was right but what was she doing in Schuylkill County when for all I knew Philip had always been in Berks County — born there, buried there.

Then I discovered several things that make me certain that I have figured things out.

- I found, on someone's Ancestry Tree for Sarah, an actual fraktur (old German birth certificate) for her saying her parents were Philip and Elizabeth (Miller) Mertz and she was born in Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County.
- Looking at the geography, I now know that Tilden Township abuts West Brunswick Township. They are in different counties but that invisible line on a map now seems totally unimportant; it's in a broad general sense the same place.
- It turns out that I have long known of a Philip Mertz in Brunswick Township in the 1820 and 1830 Census. I was never sure who it was but I also knew of a different Philip Mertz who did have Schuylkill County connections that I didn't know what happened to him so had previously guessed it was that Philip. No. Everything now makes perfect sense, it was this Philip, who previously I had no reason to ever think had ever lived in Schuylkill County.

Philip is designated P3b.

[I now wonder if it's possible that the mother-in-law of his daughter Sarah was Philip's own sister. I have placed Margaret (Mertz) Tschons in my database as if she was but there is information that would seem to contradict that conclusion and at best it is only a tentative, preliminary identification.]

Relocated and Census Tracking

I've looked long and hard over the years, using all the little tricks in my kit bag, for Philip. Born in 1784 in Berks County, buried in 1862 in Berks County, shouldn't he have been listed in Census in Berks County in 1810 (maybe) and 1820-1860 for sure?

The only listing I ever found that I thought might be him was in 1850. Philip Hertz, 59, lived in Cumru Township, Berks County with Elizabeth 40, Fryanna 20, Henry 11 and Caleb 5. Some of this seemed right to be this Philip, some not quite right but not so far off to make me question it. The name Mertz was in other instances mis-transcribed as Hertz. The name of his wife was right. And while I didn't know any of those children, it is also true that there is no document giving all the names of Philip's children. The age was off by a few years but that too has happened in other instances.

But I now know this was not him. There really was a Philip Hertz with those family members, it simply was not Philip Mertz. I also now believe I have found Philip in 1820 and 1830 in Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County. His age and his wife's are right. They have many daughters, especially, and apparently a son and from Sarah's fraktur, she was born in Brunswick in 1822. I have long been aware of those census listings but there was a different Philip, a distant cousin of this Philip, who lived in Schuylkill County who I have no

idea what happened to him, so I thought I had found him. Now I believe the evidence is quite compelling, those Census listings are this Philip and that other Philip just goes missing. Maybe he died young.

I still though don't know where he was in 1840-1860, still a mystery.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Philip is listed on find-a-grave. When I first looked at his memorial several years ago, no one was linked to him but then over time, two supposed daughters were (both correctly I believe) and now based on my latest findings, I have caused his wife to be linked to him.

Known Daughters
He and Elisabeth baptized daughters Lydia and Elisabeth at Longswamp. I know nothing more about them.

But following the lead now suggested by find-a-grave, I have definitely now identified two additional daughters, apparently twins since they share the same date of birth.

Catharina (Mertz) Seaman (1822-1883) is one of them. She is buried in the same cemetery as Philip and I believe I can see "geboren Mertz" on her tombstone. Her birth date is also on her tombstone: 9 Apr 1822. Doing more research, I found a burial record for her in the records of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Reading, PA. It gives her date of birth and date of death (in agreement with her find-a-grave memorial) and says she was the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Miller) Mertz and wife of George Seaman.

Sarah (Mertz) Jones (1822-1900) is the other daughter linked to Philip on find-a-grave. She is buried in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County. Searching for her in Ancestry's Public Member Trees, just to see if anyone had any real source evidence validating her maiden name and name of her father, I was totally gobsmacked when I found her fraktur, documenting exactly who her parents were and where and when she was born.

And find-a-grave also provides a clue that there is yet one more daughter, Rebecca. She too is buried at Tildens where Philip and daughter Catharina are buried. And, like Catherine, she married a Seaman — in her case William Seaman, brother of George Seaman apparently who Catharina married. Her birth date of 1824 also puts her in the same age group as Catherine and Sarah.

Death certificates of two of her children give her maiden name, in one case spelled Meitz and the other Metz — but both children can be identified as hers from Census. So her maiden name is confirmed, she is buried in the same cemetery where the only other Mertzes are Philip and Catharina, to me it is a safe guess (with very high certainty) that she is Philip's daughter. Census tick marks are consistent with this belief.

Known Sons
There is no document, like a will or land record, naming all (or any) of Philip's children. From Census tick marks there was a son age 0-9 in 1820 and 10-14 in 1830. We know Philip lived at least until 1830 in Brunswick Township and then a Henry Mertz appeared there (now West Brunswick) in the 1850 Census with an age indicting a birth of about 1818 — exactly consistent with Philip's son from his Census listings.

I don't know who that Henry could be, so a guess is that he was Philip's son. I have designated him P3b1. I should say I am more confident in my guess that Rebecca was

Philip's daughter — in her case, she is in the same cemetery — than I am that Henry was his son. But I have no better guess nor contradictory information.

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Spouse:	**Elisabeth Miller**

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Birth:	28 February 1789
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	31 January 1808[5,6,7]
Death:	1 February 1843
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Zions Red Church, Orwigsburg, PA

Parent-Proof
Documentation of her maiden name and their marriage date came from Sue Anderson (descendant of Frederick Braun) from marriages of Rev. Helffrich. M L Kueker found this record too. I believe her brother Heinrich married Philip's sister Elizabeth.

Elizabeth is buried in Orwigsburg as this couple was living near there when she died. One of their daughters is buried in nearby Tilden Township as is her husband — perhaps he moved there late in life.

Sources
1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 20 May 1784. Philip Mertz s/o Johannes and Wife baptized. Sponsors: Philip Mertz and wife Eva.
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), Philip Martz, Brunswick Twp, Schuylkill Co, PA, 1/1, 0/2, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Philip Matz, Brunswick Twp, Schuylkill Co, PA, 10-14M, 40-49M, <5F, 5-9F (3), 15-19F, 20-29F, 40-49F.
4. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions St Michaels Union, Tilden Twp, Berks Co, Repository: LDS Film 20526, Philip Mertz b.20 May 1784 d.30 Nov 1862.
5. Church Records: Rev Helfrich records, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton Co, Marriages, Repository: LDS Film 1320941, 31 Jan 1808 Philip Mertz married Elizabeth Miller.
6. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 11 Sep 1808. Lydia Mertz d/o Phillip baptized.
7. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 11 Mar 1810. Elisabeth Mertz d/o Phillip and Elisabeth baptized. Sponsors: Heinrich and Margretha Voegele.

Name: **Henry Mertz (P3b1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1818
Birth Memo: (age in Census)
Father: Philip Mertz (P3b) (1784-1862)
Mother: Elizabeth Miller (1789-1843)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

It is just a guess that Henry was the son of Philip Martz (P3b1). I base it on the fact that Henry just appeared in 1850 in West Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County. From all my work on the Mærtzes of nearby places, I don't recognize him as some Henry who disappeared from some other place.

So, if he was a native of Schuylkill County, then, based only on his geographic location, maybe he was the son of Philip who had lived previously in that place and who, if I have correctly identified Philip in 1830, had a son of the right age to be Henry.

Henry is designated P3b1.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

While I may not be certain who has father was, the Henry I'm profiling here is the Henry Martz in 1850 and 1860 in West Brunswick in Census and 1870 in Pine Grove. We know it's him in Pine Grove from the correspondence of the names and ages of other household members from 1860 to 1870. I can find his son Frank in 1880 and his daughter Sarah in 1900 but other than that, the rest of the family seems to disappear after 1870.

Known Sons

From Census, there was Frank age 8 in 1850, 17 in 1860 and 27 in 1870; William age 4 in 1850 and 13 in 1860 and Daniel (spelled Denice in 1860) age 9 in 1860 and 18 in 1870.

William. I found the baptism record for William at St Paul's Evangelical Church in Orwigsburg — where Peter Mertz (designated J3b) also baptized a son, perhaps a hint something is amiss with my placement of one or the other of these two men) — William was born 11 Aug 1846. Knowing his birth date, I searched find-a-grave to see if I could find him and found a William Mertz (1 Aug 1846-15 Jul 1869) buried at St Peter's Cemetery in Pine Grove. The apparent discrepancy between 11 Aug and 1 Aug doesn't bother me a bit, maybe I misread the church record it was hard to read or maybe that was a baptism date — I'm sure it's the same William. In fact, his tombstone says the son of William and Hannah. He died young, no need to designate him.

Daniel. One other person named Mertz was buried in that same cemetery: Daniel Mertz (1 Sep 1851-30 Mar 1880), obviously William's brother. He too died young and there is no need to designate him.

Frank. He is the only son who survived to marry and have a family. He is designated P3b1a.

Known Daughters

Henry and Hannah baptized daughter Catherine Ann who was born 24 Oct 1844 at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Orwigsburg. She no doubt the 6-year-old daughter Ketty in the 1850 Census.

From Census, we also learn of a daughter Louisa A (or Lucy) born about 1849. She may be the Lucy Borrell (1849-1936) whose Pennsylvania death certificate said (as to parents names) only that her father's name was Matz but who was listed as Lucy A in the 1930 Census.

And daughter Sarah (1856-1935) is known from her presence in the 1860 and 1870 Census and her later death certificate.

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Spouse: Hannah Kramer

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Birth: 10 Nov 1819
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 9 Jan 1886
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Peter's Cemetery, Pine Grove, PA

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name comes from the death certificate of her son Frank. Her daughter Sarah A Kershcner said Kremer.

Find-a-Grave
Her name is spelled Martz on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Martz, 33, West Brunswick, Schuylkill, PA, Hannah 30, Frank 8, Ketty 6, Wm 4, Louisa Anna 2, Geo Krance 33, Nat Krance 24 .
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Martz, 42, West Brunswick, Schuylkill, PA, Hannah 41, Franklin 17, William 13, Lucy 11, Denice 9, Sarah 4.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry Martz, 52, Pine Grove, Schuylkill, PA, Hanna 50, Frank 27, Lucy A 21, Daniel 18, Sarah 14.

Name: **Frank Mertz (P3b1a)**[1]

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Birth: 27 Dec 1842
Memo: (PA Death Certificate and find-a-grave)
Death: 12 Jun 1911
Memo: (PA Death Certificate and find-a-grave)
Burial: St Peter's Cemetery, Pine Grove, PA
Father: Henry Mertz (P3b1) (~1818-)
Mother: Hannah Kramer

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Frank as the son of Henry from his presence in his father's household in 1850-1870 confirmed by his death certificate.

He and his mother are buried in St. Peter's cemetery, both with their name spelled Martz. His two bothers, Daniel and William, are also buried in the same place, their name spelled Mertz.

Frank is designated P3b1a.

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Spouse: **Mary Ann Ziegler**

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Birth: 3 Aug 1850
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 21 Feb 1923
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Peter's Cemetery, Pine Grove, PA

Parent-Proof

Her PA Death Certificate says she was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Fox) Ziegler. In 1880, Sarah C Ziegler, age 55, lived immediately next door to Frank and Mary.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Frank Mertz, 38, Pine Grove, Schuylkill, PA, Mary 29, William H 4.

Name: **4G GF Philip Mertz (P4)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]

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Birth:	abt 1746	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA[9]
Birth Memo:	(on 1767 tax list as single man, so 1746 or earlier if had to be 21)	
Death:	Jan 1804	Freeburg, PA[10]
Death Memo:	(will written 19 Dec 1803, proved 14 Jan 1804)	
Father:	5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)	
Mother:	5G GM Catharina	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Philip Mertz was named often in the records of Longswamp Reformed. He was often a baptism sponsor, starting when he was single and then later with his wife Eva. The overwhelming majority of these baptisms were for what I came to realize were grandchildren of Hans Peter Mertz. And, when he and Eva baptized their own children, one or the other of the sponsors at those baptisms were people I eventually concluded were the sons or daughters of Hans Peter.

And that was the key to identifying Philip. If I think of John David (the 1733 immigrant) as Generation I of my line in America, then his sons Nicholas and Hans Peter were Generation II. These brothers had their Generation III children starting in the later 1730's and continuing into the 1750's. None of these baptisms were recorded (it was before records were being kept apparently) but it is when we see those Generation III persons as adults baptizing *their* children in the 1760's-1780's that we come to know them. And it turns out all of Nicholas' children are known because they were all named in Orphans Court petitions after his death. The others, by definition and by process of elimination, had to be children of Hans Peter.

The birth years of Hans Peter's children are not known with any precision. There are a few small clues for some of them. For example, Philip was first named on a tax list in 1767 and he was then single. I believe that points to an approximate 1746 birth. And it places him somewhere in the middle on the list of the sons of Hans Peter. He is designated P4. He was my 4G GF.

Discrepancies

Philip Mertz of Longswamp Township, Berks County has been often confused with an entirely different man, John Philip Mertz of Rockland and/or Maxatawny Township, Berks County. But they were two separate people. It took me awhile to even begin to suspect that, though, and then even more time to fully convince myself that it was an absolute fact. The first person I know of who dared to raise the question -- *"were there two men named Philip Mertz in Berks County in the late 1700's?*" -- was Patrick Pearsey whom I met on the Mertz message boards in about 2001. I encountered a posting of his as I was struggling to answer my own concerns about what I call "discordant notes" about my Philip -- facts that seemed inconsistent for them to be the biography of one man. So when I saw Patrick's question, I thought: *"why didn't I think of that?"*

This was the first time that I had reached a point in my research where I realized that there might be mistakes in what other researchers said (though over time I have come to realize that these kinds of mistakes are way too prevalent). But now realizing that Jack Mertz, my father's cousin who was the first genealogist I ever met, and many others, seemed to be wrong when they said our Philip was the son of John Henry Mertz, I had to figure out how to prove that there were two different men of that era of that name and I had to learn enough about each of them so as to not further confuse them ever again.

The facts seem irrefutable now, but were not obvious until I had collected them all and then laid things out:

1. Philip Mertz, grandson of John David, married Eve or Anna Eva, baptized several children at Longswamp Church throughout the 1770's and then in about 1785 (when he was first listed as a Northumberland County taxpayer) moved from Berks County to Freeburg, Northumberland County (Freeburg is now in Snyder County), baptized several more children there in the late 1780's and died in 1803 in that place. He was listed in the 1800 Census in Northumberland County. He was named continuously with wife Anna Eva from 1776-1784 at Longswamp Reformed Church, and from 1785-1789 at Zion Morr's Church in Freeburg.

2. John Philip Mertz, son of John Henry, born in 1738, married Catherine Quirin in 1765, baptized children with her at Mertz Church in the period preceding and then overlapping the timeframe when Philip and Eva were doing the same. He was listed in the 1790, 1800 and 1810 Census in Berks County and continued to be a baptismal sponsor at Mertz Church as late as 1812 when he and Catharine sponsored the baptism of their grandson Benjamin, son of Philip (Jr.) and wife Sarah. He was named continuously with Catharine from 1764-1812 at Mertz Church.

Whether my ancestor Philip was also named John Philip, I don't know for sure. I have never seen him referred to as such in any actual document but it was common practice among Germans for a man to be given the first name John and a middle name that he would then go by.

Knowing then that Philip was absolutely not John Philip whose father was John Henry Mertz, the problem then became: who was this Philip of Longswamp and Freeburg? His wife was Eve or Anna Eva but who were his parents? And while I believe there is no doubt now as to who his father was, there is not yet any absolute proof of it -- it is circumstantial and the result of logical deduction. The major clue to the answer to this question is simple and obvious. When Philip and Eva are found in Berks County, it was always at the Longswamp Church. Among the earliest members and deacons of this church were David, Nicholas and Peter Mertz. David Mertz came to America from Alsace in 1733 with his family including sons Nicholas and Peter.

And I concluded pretty quickly that the best candidate to be Philip's father was Peter, son of David. One simple reason for this theory was that Philip named his oldest son Peter and a custom among early German families was that a man's first son was named for the man's father. But that was speculation and not proof.

Then, in the course of my efforts to see if I could come up with the proof of this relationship, I encountered and corresponded with an aspiring professional genealogist named William Zehner and he undertook at my behest an inquiry into this subject -- specifically to obtain and analyze the will of Peter Mertz. I had seen an abstract of that will that said he divided his estate equally among his children (unnamed) "except that my son John's children Philip and Gertrude are first to receive 15 pounds each beforehand." I was intrigued by the mention of a Philip – but apparently a grandson of Peter's, rather than a son.

William Zehner found that 1787 will and other relevant documents and concluded that Johannes (John) was a son of Peter Mertz and predeceased him. So, when Peter died, he specifically looked out for Johannes' orphans Gertrude and Philip. This Philip was one and the same as the Philip baptized at Longswamp in 1784 for whom Philip and Eva stood as sponsors. And then William Zehner stated about that baptism record: *"This child Philip, rather than having been the Philip who died with eleven heirs in Penns Township about 1804*

appears instead to have been the namesake and nephew of that Philip Mertz of Penn Township, whose wife is known to have been Eve from his will there."

This stated conclusion — which verified what I had believed all along, but which used Johannes, known son of Peter, as a "connective link" led me to go back to the Longswamp records and try to understand all the "connective links". I made an analysis of everyone linked by any of those baptismal records where someone named Mertz was named (as child, parent or sponsor). It turns out there were many, many examples in those records where one of Peter's children stood as sponsor for the birth of the child of a sibling. They were brothers and sisters, doing what siblings in those times did. A common practice among the Germans back then was to name a child after a brother or sister and to have that brother or sister sponsor that child's baptism. And so we find Philip and Eve as sponsor to baptisms of children of Peter's children and they to his and each other.

There is no birth record or will or any other document to absolutely identify Philip as the son of Peter. But this much is fact: there was a Philip in Longswamp closely associated with the known sons and daughters of Peter and Nicholas and of that next generation. He was not named as a son of Nicholas in what appear to be totally complete listings of his children in Orphans Court petitions. He named his first son Peter. I believe it can only be that he was Peter's son.

In addition to Philip who moved in about 1785 to the area that became Freeburg and/or Washington Township, Snyder County — but was then Northumberland County — other Longswamp Mertzes also made the move to this Central PA county: his brothers Nicholas, Jacob, Peter and David and his cousin Jacob and Jacob's son Conrad -- all with their large and growing families.

The DAR lists him as "Philip Mertz b 14 Oct 1738 GR d a 14 Jan 1804 m (1)Anna Eva X 1LT PA"

This is simply a mishmash of unrelated or erroneous facts. It was John Philip, son of John Henry, who was born 14 Oct 1738. I don't know when my Philip was born but it was quite a number of years later. The GR stands, I believe, for Germany. Wrong again -- neither Philip was born in Germany, both were born in Berks County. The rest of the information is correct for my ancestor Philip and it is also correct that my Philip should be listed as the DAR Patriot.

The reason I believe it was my Philip who was the Patriot is that I have studied various listings of Berks County Revolutionary War Militia units. It is all a little confusing because I think companies formed and re-formed as needed and membership varied each time. But Philip Mertz was a 1st Lieutenant (as indicated in that DAR listing) at some point under Captain Charles Crouse. Crouse's unit is said to have been largely of Longswamp. Other Mertzes served in the same unit including: Nicholas, Peter, John and Jacob. Nicholas and Peter were Longswamp only names.

But the clincher is that when Philip and Eva baptized their several daughters after moving to (now) Snyder County, the contemporaneous church records from that time and place named him Lt. Philip Mertz.

Two different biographies of Lt. Philip Mertz are given in Snyder County Pioneers by Charles A Fisher. Each draws upon his will and Freeburg Church records to name his wife and children. It is the same list in each biography so it as if he wrote one and then got new information and wrote the other -- but both got published. But both are wrong as to Philip's origins. One says he was the brother of Nicholas and he (Philip) came to America in 1749.

He *was* the brother of Nicholas but they both came to America in 1733. There was a Philip Mertz who did arrive in 1749 and I'm not certain, though I have an idea, where he ended up -- but he wasn't my Philip. Fisher's other biography says Philip of Freeburg was the son of John Henry Mertz -- thus confusing him, as did many others, with John Philip born in 1738.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Philip was listed on the 1779 Pennsylvania Septennial Census in Longswamp Township.

THE FREEBURG MERTZES. Philip appeared on the 1785 tax list for Penns Township, his last mention in the records of the Longswamp Church was 1784 and he was last listed as a Longswamp taxable in 1784, so I think we can pretty precisely date his move from Berks County to the Freeburg area.

It was Peter's impending death in 1787 that seems to have triggered the mass migration of his sons and nephews to Northumberland County. Philip, Jacob and David appear to have left in 1785 before Peter's death, the others probably just after.

Philip is nowhere to be found in the 1790 Census. I know he was already in Northumberland County. He was living apart from most of the other Mertzes (in Augusta Township) but should have been near Nicholas (in Penns Township). But he was not listed. He is not the Phil Merz of Maxatawny Township, Berks County as the counts by age bracket are all wrong and besides, Phil Merz was in fact John Philip Mertz, son of John Henry.

In 1800, Philip Mertz was listed in Penns Township along with three other Mertzes: son Peter, brother Nicholas and nephew Isaac.

In 1810, Philip had died and Eve Martz, widow, was listed in Penns Township with a daughter 10-15. Henry and Peter were neighbors.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Philip Mertz of Penns Township, Northumberland County wrote his will 19 Dec 1803 and it was proven 14 Jan 1804. He said he was very sick. He split his plantation between sons Peter and Henry and said that Abraham was previously taken care of. He gave his house to wife Eve. He described his land in terms of neighbors' George Mote's line and Peter Hilbish's line. Peter and Henry were then obligated for payments to his eight daughters: Catherine (wife of John Weyand), Susanna (wife of Peter Reweel), Eve (wife of Nicolas Arbogast), Elizabeth (wife of Adam Holsapple), Margaret, Gertrude, Mary and Sara.

Philip is often said to have died in 1803 and perhaps just as often 1804. The truth is we don't know his exact date of death, no tombstone or death record having ever been found. But the date he wrote his will and the date his will was proven -- just about four weeks later -- brackets his death. Most likely, he died in early 1804.

I have placed a memorial for Philip on find-a-grave. I do not know where he was buried, it may well have been on his farm, but I placed him at St. Peter's Church in Freeburg where many of his family are buried. The purpose of my memorial was to have a place to set the record straight that Philip and John Philip were two different men.

Known Daughters
I know the names of Philip's daughters from his will and, for many of them, from their baptisms. All are listed in my database and additional information about them can be found there. His daughters, briefly, were:

Catherine, oldest daughter I think, since she was listed first in Philip's will, married John Weyand. Susanna married Peter Reeves. Anna Eva married Nicholas Arbogast. Elisabeth married Adam Holtzapple. Margaret married Michael Reeves. Gertrude married Ludwig Arbogast. Anna Mary married Peter Mertz but I do not know who he was. Sara was the youngest, I think, and I am certain she married George Miller and moved to Mazeppa, Union County. Margaret, Gertrude and Anna Mary were the three daughters whose baptisms appear in the records of Zion Morr's Church in Freeburg.

Known Sons
Philip had three sons. Peter stayed in Freeburg, was the father of many children and had many descendants, including myself. Henry also stayed in Freeburg. He did not have a large family, had only two sons, and I believe neither of them had any children or at least any who survived to adulthood. The third son was Abraham. I'm not sure where he ended up.

Spouse: **4G GM Anna Eva**[11,12,13,14,15,16,17]

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Birth:	abt 1750	Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(first child born in 1774)	
Marriage:	1770	
Marr Memo:	(Philip and wife Eva sponsor baptism of Philip Seidel)	
Death:	abt 1811	Freeburg, PA
Death Memo:	(listed on 1810 tax list and 1810 Census, name crossed out on 1811 tax list)	

Parent-Proof
Several sources (all of which have been found to have errors) state that Philip's wife was Anna Eva Rosemann (many variant spellings) and some say she was the daughter of Jacob. That her name was Anna Eva (sometimes Eve) is certain, but I simply don't believe she was a Rosemann.

I think this myth started with Ralph Fraley Martz (RFM), who, in his 1973 book Martzes of Maryland said Philip Mertz married Ann Marie Eva Rossman 1 Jun 1773. Next came Charles A Fisher, who, in his 1982 book Central Pennsylvania Marriages said Lt. Philip Mertz of Snyder County married Anna Maria Rossman, daughter of Jacob.

I think RFM, in his years of researching people named Mertz or Martz, took a series of actual facts and scrambled them into total nonsense. Here are a few facts:

- There were two different men named Philip Mertz who came of age in Berks County, PA in the 1760's. They often were confused with each other by early genealogists.
- One of them, the one being profiled here, married a woman named Anna Eva and moved to Northumberland County in the late 1780's.
- The other lived out his life in Berks County where he attended Mertz Church, named for his father. Numerous baptism records of that church document the name of his parents as John Henry and Anna Maria (Rosemann) Mertz.
- Anna Maria came to America with her brother, Jacob, on the same ship John Henry came on and Jacob had a son also named Jacob who was later mentioned many times in those same church records.

It is my opinion that Ralph Fraley Martz simply scrambled his notes or his memory and mistakenly stated that it was Anna Eva, wife of Philip, who was surname Rosemann. Fisher went one step further and threw Jacob into the mix as her father. But there is simply no evidence whatsoever that might even hint at Anna Eva's maiden name, let alone the name of her father.

The curious thing to me is where RFM came up with that exact date — 1 Jun 1773. It also is a fact lacking any documentary evidence. And there are two "facts" that suggest an earlier marriage date for the couple:

- From the order of names in his will, I believe Catherine was Philip's oldest daughter. When she died in 1852, her Mifflin County death record said she was 80 years of age. This implies, if totally accurate, a date of birth of about 1772.
- Perhaps more conclusively, there was an 18 Mar 1770 baptism at the Zion Lutheran Church in Alburtis, (now) Lehigh County: the infant was Philip Seidel son of Johann Nickel and Anna M Seidel, the sponsors were Philip Martz and Eva. Now it could be argued this record didn't conclusively say Eva, his wife — but their names were listed in the same style as most others in that period with a few instead being of the style including a idea name of the females sponsor. I think Philip and Eva were already married by March 1770.

Philip and Eva were clearly of Longswamp, where they worshipped, until their move to Northumberland County.

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Name: **3G GF Peter Mertz (P4a)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

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Birth:	22 Oct 1774	Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Death:	6 Feb 1845[8,9]	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	St. Peter's Union Church, Freeburg, PA	
Father:	4G GF Philip Mertz (P4) (~1746-1804)	
Mother:	4G GM Anna Eva (~1752-~1811)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Peter was likely baptized at Longswamp Reformed Church but his baptism went unrecorded. But we know his birth date from his tombstone And we can be sure he was Philip's son because Philip named a son named Peter in his will and he was a neighbor of his parents in early Census listings. Jack Mertz, J L Floyd and Joseph Meiser state that he was Philip's son.

He is designated P4a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
He was born while his parents were in Longswamp Township; they were active in the Reformed Church there in a period when the records of that church appear to be complete and yet Peter was not listed among the recorded baptisms. (There were other Mertzes too either not baptized or whose baptisms went unrecorded.) He moved to Freeburg from Berks County with his parents in about 1785 and there grew up to marry the girl next door -- literally. And there he lived the remainder of his life.

Discrepancies
The 1830 Census has me puzzled. Two men named Peter Mertz lived in Washington Township. One was listed immediately above Philip Mertz, Peter's son, and has (almost) the count of persons by age bracket I would expect. That listing has these people. A male 5-10 (George Peter), a male 10-15 (Peter P) and a male 50-60 (Peter age 56), a female 10-15, another 20-30 and one 50-60 (Catherine age 54). I do not know the ages of all of Peter's daughters nor when they married, so the female headcount is reasonable but I'm not sure which daughters remained and which had moved out.

The other Peter I cannot identify. He is listed just below Henry and they are a few names removed from Peter and Philip. My hunch is that he is Henry's son, but the list of Henry's children as given by Meiser (Martz/Mertz) does not include any son named Peter. There are four persons in this household: males ages 20-30 and 50-60 and females ages 15-20 and 40-50. My thought is that the younger male is Peter, that perhaps his wife is just 19 and that the older people are his in-laws. This is all speculative, and I may well be wrong about who this man was -- but in any event, the other Peter is my ancestor.

This may be related to the mystery of Philip's daughter Anna Mary who supposedly married Peter Mertz -- I do not know who that Peter Mertz was either.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Peter is on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
I know the names of his six (surviving) daughters from his will: Susanna, Polly, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catherine and Rebecca. He did not state the married names of his daughters. From what I know, his sons were listed in birth order and I would think the daughters were too (though Catherine may stand in contradiction of this theory).

Jack Mertz listed only three daughters. Meiser (Martz/Mertz) named six daughters -- though their names don't exactly match the names as given in Peter's will. The situation is even more confusing when I try to match up the names of husbands comparing Jack's list to Meiser's and then attempt to reconcile that with what I can observe from Census.

Here are the six daughters named in his will and what I know about them:

Catherine — I think she married William Heimbach.
Susanna — I know nothing more about her.
Polly — married Henry Brown 1 Oct 1826 and then later, I think, married Henry Heimbach.
Elizabeth — I think she married Peter Witmer.
Sarah — I think she married Benjamin Straub.

Known Sons
A close reading of Peter's will tells us not only the names of his sons but something about them. We sense the order: Philip, Peter, John, George. He left Philip his half ownership of the farm in Derry Township where Philip lived. He left Peter his home plantation. He left John his tanyard and adjoining land. And he left (my ancestor) George $1000. Peter placed a value on the land he gave Philip and Peter and then required them to pay out the excess difference over $1000 back to the estate.

Spouse:	**3G GM Catherine Motz**[13]	
Birth:	8 Nov 1776	Freeburg, PA[14]
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Marriage:	abt 1795	Freeburg, PA[10,11,12]
Death:	30 Sep 1852[15]	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	St. Peter's Union Church, Freeburg, PA	
Father:	4G GF George Peter Motz (1743-1806)	
Mother:	4G GM Anna Mary (1755-1816)	

Parent-Proof
The fact that Peter's wife was named Catherine is known from her tombstone which is next to his, from his will and from her presence in the 1850 Census when she was living with a daughter. Jack Mertz referred to her as Catherine Moats. J L Floyd and Joseph Meiser both say she was Catherine Motz. The spelling doesn't matter, all sources agree on her name.

The problem is I can't absolutely prove that from any real document.

If that was her name, then I believe her father was George P Motz. The Motz and Mertz families were next-farm-over neighbors. George Motz said he had five daughters in his will but only three of them can be accounted for by name. From the wording in his will, we also know that the two he did not identify by name were married. Peter and Catherine's marriage date is not known but can be approximated given their ages and ages of their children. George died in 1806, well after Peter and Catherine would have married.

Moreover, Catherine and Peter were buried immediately behind George's son John Motz at St. Peter's. Finally, George P Motz was George Peter and Catherine named a son George Peter Mertz, the name George theretofore not a Mertz name (in Hans Peter's line).

So, all evidence is that she indeed was Catherine Motz, as suggested by those other early genealogists.

Now (2020), based on an autosomal DNA test I did in 2019, I believe that DNA evidence strongly supports the idea that Peter's wife was indeed Catherine Motz, daughter of George Peter Motz.

I discuss the findings in more detail under the heading "DNA Evidence" for Catherine and in the database record for her father, but briefly:

I have far too many DNA cousins who can only be my cousin because they descend, not from Catherine, but from George (one of his other children), or from a (presumed) brother of George or most strikingly, from a woman definitely named Motz who was, I believe, George's aunt. Catherine was definitely a Motz.

Was George Peter her father? Well, DNA doesn't prove that — but he is so obvious a candidate it must be the case. He was exactly in the right place at the right time. And while his (presumed) brothers lived for a period of time in the same area, they moved away before Catherine was "of age". So any scenario for anyone else to be Catherine's father except George Peter would be a real stretch.

And so the real issue now is who was George Peter's father? We know the father of the other two persons who came to Penns Township at about the same time as George Peter and I can build a very strong logical case that the they were brothers but hard documented evidence of that fact is lacking.

DNA Evidence
DNA has convinced me that I do descend from George Peter Motz and that Catherine, wife of Peter Mertz, was his (George Peter's) daughter. My first attempt to analyze this was to examine trees of people who had someone named Motz in their tree, verify that I could see no other way I might be related to that person (doesn't rule it out just means it's not obvious if there was). And then see if I recognized the Motz they do descend from.

Now the big flaw in the way Ancestry presents to people who they may descend from based on who they share DNA with, especially as presented by them in their Thru-Lines presentation is this: If I share DNA with someone else who descends from, in this case, Peter Mertz and his wife Catherine, and if that other person has her in their tree as Catherine Motz, daughter of George Peter, then Ancestry tells me that I may descend from George Peter Motz, as if DNA is suggesting that. No, it would only be that my "cousin" is suggesting that with what may be erroneous information in their tree.

But that is not what I am finding in this particular case. It is not that I share DNA with someone who descends from Catherine and who claims she was Motz — it's that I share DNA with people who do not descend from Peter and Catherine but who seem to descend from either her father or some other close relative of his.

When I first did this, I found two DNA cousins, who both have Motz in their family tree and their connection is not through Catherine and Peter Mertz. One of them descends from George Peter's son (Catherine's brother) John and one of them descends from Michael Motz

who likely was George Peter's brother. I have closely examined the trees of both of these two people and see no other way I would be a cousin to either of them.

Now it could be for example, the person who descends from John Motz shares some other ancestor in common with me not named Motz and not descended from Motz. That can never totally be ruled out which is why part of my approach is to study their full family tree to see if I can detect any other possible connection. In both these cases, I couldn't.

But then in 2020, I came into contact with two Motz researchers who had been collaborating on all things Motz in America. I found them both to be my kind of researcher — believe only what is documented with real evidence but be open-minded to all the possibilities for things that cannot be 100% documented.

With their help, I came to understand that I had several dozen DNA cousins who had Motz in their tree who previously I just didn't know who they were or how their Motz ancestor may have been connected to mine.

The most interesting thing I learned from these Motz researchers is that the Motz family of America (well many of them, mine for sure) were direct descendants of the Motz family of the Lampertsloch area of Alsace. This area is not far at all from where my Mertz ancestors came from. Did Peter Mertz and George Peter Motz, neighbors in Freeburg, know that their grandfathers were from about the same place? Did Peter Mertz and Catherine Motz know they shared the same Alsace ancestral home?

What convinces me (and them) of this is I am a DNA cousin to close to a dozen people who descend from Matthias and Anna Catharina (Motz) Nehs. She is the sister of Heinrich Motz who was the father of Michael Motz, presumed brother of George Peter.

This story continues in my database under the DNA Evidence heading for Catherine's father, George Peter Motz.

Discrepant Facts
Since for a time, I wasn't sure Catherine was maiden name Motz, I did look for any other clues that might lead in a different direction. Peter and Catherine had 4 sons: Philip P, John P, Peter P and George P. I know that my ancestor George P was George Peter Mertz, as stated above, perhaps named for Catherine's father. But over the years I have pondered this coincidence of four children being given a middle name starting with P.

- I wondered one-time whether Philip P maybe was Philip Peter and Peter P was Peter Philip and then for balance maybe John P was John Philip. Two middle names Philip for their one grandfather, two middle names Peter for the other.
- At another time, I joked that Peter (the father) maybe loved his own name so much that all his sons had the middle name Peter. That seemed a little absurd though as that would mean his third son was named Peter Peter Mertz.

And then I found the death certificate of Rev John Allen Mertz, son of Peter P. The informant was John Allen's son Paul. He very deliberately and very carefully wrote the name of his father as Peter Peter Mertz.

And then it hit me. I have seen in other Mertz families, that by the 1800's, naming conventions had evolved. No longer was it that almost every male was Johann plus a middle name -- and then went by their middle name. What happened instead, in quite a number of families I have seen, is that almost all the children were given the same middle

name -- the maiden name of their mother. Could Catherine have been Catherine Peter? I am related to the Peter/Peters family of Lehigh County and a few of them had moved to Northumberland County, in fact, Penns Township, by 1790.

So I tried to research the various Peter families of Northumberland County to see if there was any additional evidence for this alternate theory. I could never find any.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Catherine is on find-a-grave.

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Name: **Philip Mertz (P4a1)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

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Birth: 6 Jan 1806 Freeburg, PA
Death: 25 Apr 1883
Burial: Maitland Brethren Cemetery, Mifflin Co, PA
Father: 3G GF Peter Mertz (P4a) (1774-1845)
Mother: 3G GM Catherine Motz (1776-1852)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
He was named in his father's will who left him his share of the farm where Peter P was already living in Mifflin County. He is designated P4a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
THE LEWISTOWN MERTZES. Philip P Mertz moved to Mifflin County prior to the 1840 Census. Jack Mertz called him the "founder of the Lewistown branch of the Mertz family".

1830. Philip Mertz is listed just below his father in Washington Township, Union County.

After that he was listed in Mifflin County. In 1850 Philip Martz, age 43, lived in Derry Township with Lydia 37, Susanna 14, Daniel 12, Emma J 11, Peter 10, Edward 8, Mary 6, George 4, Philip 2 and new-born Sarah.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Philip is on find-a-grave. No tombstone photo is there. I've always wondered whether he too, like other "founders" of the family in a new place, has a large monolith there in his honor.

Known Daughters
I know the names of his daughters from Census and from History of Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry Counties. As is typical of such county histories, their deep ancestry is bogus. It says that Peter (1774) descends from William of Lehigh County who emigrated in 1776 -- where do they get this stuff? But the more contemporary information I assume is more accurate. What I know is covered in my database.

Known Sons
I know the names of his sons in the same way and they too are covered in my database. They were Daniel, Peter H, Edward, George and Philip D. Edward died in the Civil War, unmarried I believe. He is not covered further and not specifically given a designation. The others, except for Philip D moved to White County, Indiana.

Spouse: **Lydia Showers**

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Birth: 3 Jul 1813
Marriage: 1836 Freeburg, PA[8]
Death: 18 Apr 1882

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5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Philip Marts, 55, farmer, Derry Twp Mifflin Co, Lydia 46, Daniel 20, Emma J 21, Peter 19, Edward 18, Mary 16, George 14, Philip 11, Adaline 8.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Phillip Meetz, 63, Derry, Mifflin, PA, Lydia 55, George 22, Ada 18 and others.
7. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Philip Mertz, 73, Derry, Mifflin, PA, Lydia 65, Adah 27.
8. Genealogical Database Repository: Ancestry.com, "US & International Marriages," Philip Mertz m.1836 Lydia Showers b.1813.

Name:	**Daniel Mertz (P4a1a)**[1,2]
Birth:	31 Jul 1836
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	21 Aug 1909
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Davis Cemetery, White Co, IN
Father:	Philip Mertz (P4a1) (1806-1883)
Mother:	Lydia Showers (1813-1882)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Peter H from his presence in the household of his father in 1850 and 1860. He is designated P4a1a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Daniel and Sarah are on find-a-grave.

Spouse:	**Sarah Sieber**
Birth:	4 Dec 1834
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	17 Mar 1920
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Davis Cemetery, White Co, IN

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Mertz, 33, Jackson, White, IN, Sarah 33, Edward G 3, Franklin 1, Philip 2, Susannah Shafer 20.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel A Mertz, 44, Jackson, White, IN, Sarah 45, Edwards S 15, David F 11, William W 9, Charles M 7.

Name:	**Peter H Mertz (P4a1b)**[1,2]
Birth:	24 Feb 1840
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave, his IN DC says 24 March 1840)
Death:	20 Mar 1909[3]
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Davis Cemetery, White Co, IN
Burial Memo:	(Henry Nicholas pointed me to find-a-grave)
Father:	Philip Mertz (P4a1) (1806-1883)
Mother:	Lydia Showers (1813-1882)
Other spouses:	**Catherine A Ferris**
	Amanda Amelia Mertz (d/o George Peter Mertz P4a4)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Peter H from his presence in the household of his father in 1850 and 1860. This is confirmed by his Indiana Death Certificate which lists Philip and Lydia (Showers) Mertz as his parents. He is designated P4a1b.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Obituaty from find-a-grave. THE LOGANSPORT PHAROS, SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1909. DEATH OF PETER MERTZ, LEADING CITIZEN OF BURNETTSVILLE. *Peter H. Mertz, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Burnettsville, died at six o'clock this morning, being within a few days of 69 years old. He had been ill for several months with some intestinal trouble that was not properly understood. He leaves a wife and the following children: Mrs. Dr. B C Stevens and Mrs. Fred Davis, of this city; Jay Mertz, attorney, Detroit; Max Mertz, Panhandle agent at Onward; Miss Lucile Mertz, student at Indiana University. Mr. Mertz was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Cass County in 1864, settling on a farm southeast of Burnettsville. He lived there until about ten years ago, when he retired from work and located in Burnettsville. He was a man of strong personality and good education and a leader in the community where he lived. He belonged to the Brethern church and was a good citizen. The funeral will be held at Burnettsville on next Wednesday, which would have been his birthday.*

Peter and Sarah are on find-a-grave.

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Discrepancies
The Mifflin History states that Peter married first Sarah Sieber who died and then he married again.

I only learned something about this man when Henry Nichols, a descendant, contacted me to correct my statement as to where Peter was buried. I mistakenly had him listed as buried in Riverview. That is because Joseph Meiser, in his transcription of Riverview burials, listed Amanda as buried in Riverview and as was his style if he knew it, annotated her entry with the name of her spouse and even the appropriate dates of birth and death for the spouse if he knew it. At some point I learned that that does not necessarily mean the spouse is also buried at Riverview, though it would seem so based only on a casual examination of the listings. But the spouse is only there if the spouse also has a separate entry for him or herself. Peter H is not listed by Meiser as actually buried in Riverview, he is only there as Amanda's spouse.

In his Riverview transcription, Meiser also mistakenly had the date of death for Peter H as 20 Mar 1908 -- even though in the Pioneer Mertzes of Northumberland County publication, the correct dates were given. It was also said in that publication that Peter H died in Burnettsville, IN.

Spouse: Sarah Sieber

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Birth:	1841
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	abt 1860
Death:	1878
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Davis Cemetery, White Co, IN

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Peter Mertz, 30, Rock Creek, Carroll, IN, Sarah 29, Alice 4, Minnie 7 months, Mary Seiber 20.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Peter Mertz, 40, Jefferson, Cass, IN, Kate 25, Alice 13, Menerva 10, Jay 3.

3. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." Meiser gives birth and death dates as shown and states marital relationship.

Name: **George Washington Mertz (P4a1c)**[1]

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Birth:	5 Jan 1846
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	Feb 1923
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Davis Cemetery, White Co, IN
Father:	Philip Mertz (P4a1) (1806-1883)
Mother:	Lydia Showers (1813-1882)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know George W from his presence in the household of his father in 1850-1870. He is designated P4a1c.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

I found him in 1880 in White County, Indiana. He is indexed as D W and it does look like it was written that way but I'm sure it is him since his wife Manda is present and both their ages correspond to what is known from their tombstones.

Death and Find-a-Grave

George and Amanda are on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Amanda J York**

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Birth:	1852
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	May 1921
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Davis Cemetery, White Co, IN

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), D W Mertz, 33, Jackson, White, IN, Manda 27, Clark E 3, Minnie M 1.

Name: **Philip D Mertz (P4a1d)**[1,2]

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Birth:	13 Aug 1848 Derry Twp, Mifflin Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	10 Mar 1918
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Little Valley Presbyterian, Mifflin Co, PA
Father:	Philip Mertz (P4a1) (1806-1883)
Mother:	Lydia Showers (1813-1882)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Ralph Fraley Martz cites a letter from Philip D Mertz of Lewistown. He stated that his great-grandfather emigrated from Germany about 100 years ago. (That would be Hans Peter son of John David, so that's correct except it was 150 years ago). He stated that they settled in Mertztown, Lehigh County (close). He stated that his grandfather was one of seven brothers (correct) and that three of the brothers, including Philip D's grandfather, came to the Susquehanna near Sunbury. (Actually five of the brothers made that move, maybe three came and then two came later.)

Philip D is designated P4a1d.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
From the Mifflin County history: *"Philip D Mertz was born 12 Aug 1848 at the old homestead in Derry Township. His first career was teaching in various places including Carroll County, Indiana but in 1873 began farming the homestead, then in 1879 removed to Lewistown and engaged in butchering. In 1883 he returned to the farm which he bought from his father's estate. He married 24 Aug 1876 Susan Muthersbaugh d/o David and Margaret (McLain)."*

Death and Find-a-Grave
Philip D and Susan are on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Susan Muthersbaugh**

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Birth:	1855
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	24 Aug 1876
Death:	31 Aug 1919
Death Memo:	(PA death certificate, gives names of her parents)
Burial:	Little Valley Presbyterian, Mifflin Co, PA
Father:	David Muthersbaugh
Mother:	Margaret McLain

Sources
1. Published Book. Author: Various, "Biographical Encyclopedia of Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry Counties," Repository: Snyder Co Historical Society, Is OK on contemporary (late 1800's) people, but often quite wrong and misleading on their out-of-county ancestors, Philip D Mertz b.12 Aug 1848 s/o Philip and Lydia Showers. Was a teacher early then took over farming the homestead. Marriage information and names of his children included.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Philip D Mertz, 30, Lewistown, Mifflin, PA, Sue 24, Gertiemay 3, Eddie L 2, Willis C 8 months.

Name: **John P Mertz (P4a2)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth: 18 Sep 1813
Death: 31 Oct 1881[6]
Burial: St. Peter's Union Church, Freeburg, PA
Father: 3G GF Peter Mertz (P4a) (1774-1845)
Mother: 3G GM Catherine Motz (1776-1852)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
This is the man that I think Jack Mertz referred to as John Henry 1809-1890, but I can find no record of such a person. The History of Mifflin County says Peter had a son named John P and since John P was buried at St Peters Union, I'm going with John P as the name of Peter's second son.

He was named in his father's will who left him his tanyard. He is designated P4a2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
John P stayed local. He was always in Freeburg or Washington Township in Census. It does not appear from Census that John P and Elizabeth had any children at all but there was always a young woman or girl, not related to either of them, living with them.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
As of summer 2015, he is not on find-a-grave.

The will of John P Mertz of Freeburg written 14 Feb 1881 left everything to his wife Elizabeth and then after her death to distribute as follows: $300 to Elizabeth Zechman wife of Reuben, a piece of property he owns jointly with Philip Moyer all to him, a piece of property he owns jointly with William P Moyer all to him and the residue of his estate to Lydia Krause.

I have no idea what was special about the Moyers mentioned in the will, but perhaps they were brothers of his wife Elizabeth, maybe she inherited property jointly with them(?). And the mention of Elizabeth Zechman and Lydia Krouse, the two women who lived with John and his wife when they were young girls, makes the point, I think, that John P had no children.

Known Daughters
WHO WERE ELIZABETH WITTENMYER AND LYDIA KRAUSE? Starting in 1850, there was always a younger woman (well, girl, in 1850) living with John P and his wife Elizabeth. In 1850, it was Elizabeth Wittenmyer age 5, in 1860 the same girl now 15 and described as servant. In 1870, Elizabeth was gone (she married Reuben Zechman on 12 Oct 1862) and now Lydia age 16 appeared in the household, reported as if her name was Lydia Mertz. In 1880, Lydia was said to be Lydia Krause age 26 and also said to be the adopted daughter of John P Mertz. Finally in 1900, Elizabeth Mertz was head of household and living with her was Lydia (reported as her daughter and once again reported as if she was Mertz).

My first thought, especially regarding the presence of Elizabeth Wittenmyer in 1850 was that John P's wife Elizabeth was a second marriage and she brought her daughter Elizabeth by a previous marriage into the household with her. But then I heard from Teresa (Wittenmyer) Cavin and she can document with no room for doubt that Elizabeth Wittenmyer, who married Reuben Zechman, was the daughter of Frankin Wittenmyer and

wife Mariah (Schlotterer) Wittenmyer. Elizabeth had three siblings who continued to live with their mother after she went to live with the Mertzes.

This story is very parallel to what my own research had shown about Lydia Krause. Once I knew that as her name, I found her in the 1850 Census and she was the daughter of Lucy Krause. Next I found Lydia's will, which she wrote as Lydia Krause Mertz. She had a sister Amelia (who married a Hummel) that she referred to in her will and she also referred to a half brother Henry Riegle and half sister Emma Spangle (?) -- and that led me to find her mother remarried by the 1880 Census to Benjamin Riegle of Washington Township and living with them were daughter Emma 12 and Amelia Krause, described as servant. So, like Elizabeth before her, why did she go live with the Mertzes when, at least her mother, was still alive and supporting her other children?

When John P Mertz died, he left his estate to wife Elizabeth but upon her decease bequests were made to both Elizabeth Zechman and Lydia Krause.

It all is one very big mystery. My best guess -- and it is only that -- is that maybe John or his wife Elizabeth needed some assistance in living and they took in a young woman of a certain age to help, having made some arrangement with the young woman's widowed mother perhaps with too many children to take care of on her own. The obvious flaw in this explanation is that Elizabeth Wittenmyer came into their household no later than the age of 5. What help could she have provided at the age of 5?

Spouse:	**Elizabeth Moyer**
Birth:	5 Aug 1817
Death:	22 Aug 1904[7]
Burial:	St Peter's Union, Freeburg, PA
Father:	John Moyer (1768-1843)
Mother:	Esther Burkholder (1779-1834)

Parent-Proof
All these connections to the Moyers made me search for Elizabeth and I found her on an Internet tree with her exact birth date. That tree said she married J Mertz. It did not have a date of death, meaning, I would think, they did not get her birth date from her tombstone. The tree shows a brother Philip who had a son William P Moyer.

John Moyer who died in 1843 had a son named Philip and a daughter named Elizabeth so I believe Elizabeth was indeed a Moyer and the daughter of John.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John P Mertz, Union Co, PA, 15-19M, 20-29M, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Mertz, laborer, 37, Washington Twp Union Co, Elizabeth 34, Elizabeth Wittenmeyer 5.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John P Mertz, farmer, 46, Elizabeth 44, Washington Twp Snyder Co + Elizabeth Wittenmeyer 15 servant.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), J P Mertz, Freeburg, Retired Merchant, 56, Elizabeth 53, Lydia 16.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John P Mertz, 66, farmer, Freeburg, Elizabeth 62 + adopted daughter Lydia Krouse 26.

6. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. John P Mertz - dates as given 68y 1m 13d.
7. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Finsterbush et al, Various, Snyder County, PA, 2000, "Wagenseller Updates," Repository: Snyder Co US GenWeb Page, Elizabeth Mertz b.5 Aug 1817 d.22 Aug 18xx.
8. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Lucy Krause, 27, Freeburg, Sarah 10, Lydia 6, Mary 4, Amelia 1.

Name: **Peter P Mertz (P4a3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 12 Apr 1816 Freeburg, PA
Death: 19 Apr 1877[4,5]
Burial: St. Peter's Union Church, Freeburg, PA
Father: 3G GF Peter Mertz (P4a) (1774-1845)
Mother: 3G GM Catherine Motz (1776-1852)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Peter P was a known son of my 3G GF Peter. He was named in his father's will and he was buried near his parents. He is designated P4a3.

P P Mertz (this man I assume) was a Snyder County Commissioner from 1865-1868.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Peter P is on find-a-grave.

The 1845 marriage of Peter Mertz and Susanna Hilbish was documented by Charles A Fisher. They were both buried at St. Peter's Union Church with their (and my) Mertz and Hilbish ancestors.

His tombstone identifies him as Peter P Mertz as does Census and Jack Mertz (my Dad's cousin who provided me my first glimpse into my Mertz ancestry) also refers to him with middle initial "P". Peter P had a brother Philip P -- whom I believe was Philip Peter and another brother (my ancestor) George Peter and a third brother John P. Could all of them have had the middle name Peter? Or, would it be too weird if John P and Peter P had the middle name Philip?

Peter P Mertz lived his entire life in Freeburg. I am interested in this couple even though they are not direct ancestors of mine because I am descended from ancestors of both of them. So all of their descendants are cousins of mine in two different ways.

It is interesting that Peter P got the largest tombstone monolith of the many Mertzes buried at St. Peter's. My observation is that typically that honor went to the progenitor of the family in a certain town. Peter P was the grandson of the progenitor. His grandfather, Philip, who was the progenitor, was most likely buried on his farm and no trace of any stone he may have had survives. However, Peter P's father, Peter, is buried at St. Peter's, but with just a simple small stone.

On 29 May 1877, Letters of Administration were issued to John A Mertz on the estate of Peter P Mertz, who John A said died 23 Apr 1877.

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Known Daughters
I know of three daughters: Mary Ann, Elizabeth and Emma J.

Mary Ann married George Deppen of Herndon, PA. It was one of several marriages of Freeburg area persons and someone from "across the river" pretty much due east of Freeburg. The thing is, even today, there is no bridge anywhere close to the line that would connect say, Freeburg to Herndon. I have always imagined there must have been a ferry that linked the two sides of the river else how did these people meet?

Elizabeth married Henry B Moyer Jr. and stayed in Freeburg. Emma J married Dr. Edward W Tool and they stayed locally too.

Known Sons
I know of three sons: William and Franklin who both died as infants and Rev. John Allen.

Spouse:	**Susanna Hilbish**
Birth:	16 Aug 1818 Freeburg, PA
Marriage:	3 Apr 1845[6]
Death:	1 Aug 1874[7, 8, 9, 10, 11]
Burial:	St. Peter's Union Church, Freeburg, PA
Father:	Henry Hilbish (1790-1858)
Mother:	Elizabeth Keller (1793-1856)

Parent-Proof
Peter P's brother, my ancestor George Peter, married Amanda Hummel, daughter of Benjamin Hummel and Catherine Hilbish. Susannah Hilbish was the daughter of Catherine's brother Henry. So since this family is of interest to me on my Mertz line and my Hilbish line, I have tried to track them a little more thoroughly than some other branches.

Find-a-Grave
From a listing of the deceased of Mifflin County taken from obituaries: Susan Mertz died 1 Aug 1874 at age 53y 11m 16d. She was the wife of Peter P of Freeburg. But she was really 55 and why was this in a Mifflin County newspaper?

Susan is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Mertz, farmer, 34, Washington Twp Union Co, with Susannah 31, Mary A 3, William 1.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter P Mertz, 44, Washington Twp Snyder Co, Susannah 42, Mary Ann 12, Elizabeth 9, John 4, Emma 2.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), P P Mertz, 54, Freeburg, Susan 52, Elizabeth 19, John A 14, Emma J 12.
4. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Peter P Mertz. St Peters Union. Died 19 Apr 1877 age 61y 7d.
5. Probate Records "Snyder County Probate Records," Repository: Courthouse, Middleburg, PA, Wills, Estate Files, Valerie Mertz copied these, Inventory of Peter P Mertz taken 9 Jun 1877 and appraised by J P Mertz and Henry Heimbach for administrator John A Mertz.
6. Published Book. Author: Charles A Fisher, 1982, "Central Pennsylvania Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Has specific marriages based on minister's records but Fisher also used baptism records and tombstones as proof of existence of a marriage, Peter Mertz m.3 Apr 1845 Susan Hilbish both of Freeburg.
7. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Susan w/o Peter P Mertz d.1 Aug 1874 55y 11m 16d.
8. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Wm, s/o PP and Susan dates as given.
9. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Henry B Moyer, Jul 1846, editor, Washington Twp, married 25 years, Elizabeth Dec 1850, 2/1, Ada V Jan 1883.

10. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Franklin, s/o PP and Susan, dates as given.
11. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Emma J lives with her doctor husband and their two children in Washington Twp.

Name: **Rev. John Allen Mertz (P4a3-1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	26 May 1856 Freeburg, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Death:	9 Jul 1916[4,5]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Fairview Cemetery, Freeburg, PA
Father:	Peter P Mertz (P4a3) (1816-1877)
Mother:	Susanna Hilbish (1818-1874)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Rev. John Allen Mertz was an early family historian of the Hilbish family. He helped propagate the Mother Hollowbush story about her coming to America in 1732 with her three sons after her husband was be-headed because of his religious beliefs. I, and others, have debunked this story. The father, we think, died naturally, the mother died in Germany. Two sons did come -- in 1749.

He was instrumental in the erection of the large monument in Montgomery County honoring Mother Hollowbush and he also was an organizer of the 1890 Hilbish Family Reunion held in Freeburg. The highlight of the event was a speech by Rev. John Allen wherein he gave his account of the early family history -- an account we now know was wrong in almost all respects.

According to his obituary, he graduated from Heidelberg University in 1883 and indeed we find him in Tiffin, OH in the 1880 Census "at school". He then went on to Seminary at Ursinus College in Montgomery County, PA, class of 1887. The natural questions are: what motivated him to pursue the ministry, how did he come to choose a college in Ohio and why eventually did he focus so much as a historian on his Hilbish ancestry as opposed his Mertz ancestry?

The answer to each, I believe is, in a word -- uncles. John Allen's parents died when he was a young man; his mother when he was 18, his father when he was 21. In 1880, we find Uncle Henry Hilbish (his mother's brother) living near Youngstown, OH -- where he was a Pastor. Now Tiffin is a fair distance from Youngstown -- it is in Western, OH -- closer to Sandusky, where interestingly we find Uncle John Hilbish. [John Allen's Uncle Benjamin Hilbish had also removed to Ohio and was living near Akron.]

I believe that after his parents died, John Allen went to live with or near one of his uncles, probably Henry and Henry's influence is what motivated John Allen to pursue the ministry. There is no proof that this happened -- but it seems an obvious sequence of events.

Then, he went on to Ursinus -- which I suspect he chose for reasons having nothing to do with the fact that it was close to where his Hilbish ancestors had settled -- but once there became very interested in his Hilbish ancestry. I have never seen his name associated with any Mertz genealogy and I think these several events (his Uncle's influence, the location of his seminary) caused him to identify more closely with his Hilbish ancestors than his Mertz ancestors.

John Allen is designated P4a3a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
John Allen Mertz lived with his parents -- Peter P Mertz and Susanna Hilbish -- in the 1860 and 1870 Census. In 1880, he was a student in Ohio. As a minister, he lived in Bucks County, PA.

Death and Find-a-Grave
"*Rev. John Allen Mertz, A.M., 1856-1916, Class of 1887 Theology, Son of Peter and Susanna Hilbish Mertz, born 26 May 1856 at Freeburg, Snyder Co, PA. BA Heidelberg University, Tiffin, OH 1883. Married Clara M Reber of Phila 8 Dec 1884; two sons Paul Allen and John Ernest, both Ursinus College graduates. Pastor at churches in Chester and Bucks counties during a 28-year ministry. Died at Durham, Bucks Co of nephritis with cardiac affection causing dropsy, 9 Jul 1916. Interred at Freeburg Reformed Church Cemetery.*"

John Allen is on find-a-grave.

The death certificate for Rev John Allen, with his son Paul the informant listed Peter Peter Mertz and Hilbish (Susanna) as his parents.

Known Sons [6,7,8,9]
John Allen had two sons: Paul Allen and Rev John Ernst.

Spouse:	**Clara M Reber**	
Birth:	2 Feb 1862	Montgomery Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Marriage:	8 Dec 1884	
Death:	11 Feb 1945	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	Fairview Cemetery, Freeburg, PA	
Father:	Benneville Grime Reber (1830-1904)	
Mother:	Sarah Ann Shubert (1835-)	

Parent-Proof
The on-line family tree of Thomas Stobie who claims to have several hundred thousand people in his database has extensive information about the Reber family of Eastern PA down to Clara Reber who is supposed to have married John A Mertz. She is referred to as Clara M -- which is how she generally is named in Census listings too. A footnote on the earliest generations says Thomas's source was a family tree of someone else. So, this may or may not be accurate.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Mertz, boarder "at school", 24, Tiffin Seneca Co OH.
2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), John Allen Mertz, minister, May 1856, Durham Twp Bucks Co, Clara M Feb 1862, Paul Allen Jan 1890, John Ernest Jul 1895.
3. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), John A Mertz, minister, 53, married 25 years, Durham Twp Bucks Co, Clara M, 48, Paul A 20, John E 15.
4. Alicia Hilbish Blackman found his obituary in an on-line database of obituaries and she told me where to find it.

5. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Finsterbush et al, Various, Snyder County, PA, 2000, "Wagenseller Updates," Repository: Snyder Co US GenWeb Page, Rev John A Mertz buried Fairview 26 May 1856-9 Jul 1916.
6. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), Paul A Mertz, 29, Collegeville Montgomery Co, Educator at Ursinus College, Annalee 25 TN/TN/TN, Allen Henry 3, William Lee 3 months.
7. 1930 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age/Age Married, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Paul A Mertz, 40, married at age 24, Research Director at a Department Store, Westfield Twp Union Co, NJ, Annalee 36 married at age 20, Allen 13, William 10, Barbara 6 and (niece) Nancy Lee Fox 8.
8. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), John E Mentz (sic, as indexed by Ancestry), 24, Minister of a Reformed Church, Freehold Borough Monmouth Co NJ, Emily E 27, Clara M 57 a widow.
9. 1930 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age/Age Married, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John E Mertz, 35, married at 22, Presbyterian Clergyman, Easton PA (Northampton Co), Emily E 37, Clara M 68 widow.

Name: **2G GF George Peter Mertz (P4a4)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	23 Dec 1821 Freeburg, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Death:	17 Sep 1887[5,6,7]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA
Father:	3G GF Peter Mertz (P4a) (1774-1845)
Mother:	3G GM Catherine Motz (1776-1852)
Other spouses:	Melissa Kleckner

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

George Peter Mertz was my G-G-grandfather. He lived as an adult in Northumberland and was buried in Riverview Cemetery. His wife was from Hummels Wharf. All researchers agree on the fact that he was the son George named in the 1844 will of Peter Mertz of Freeburg. He was named, possibly, after his mother's father who was George Peter Motz.

George Peter's second marriage -- to Melissa Kleckner who married first Thomas Wolfe and was buried with their sons in New Berlin -- makes an interesting story from several aspects. First, there is the matter of her being Kleckner. My grandmother (Radie Diehl wife of John Oakley Mertz) was the granddaughter of Rachel Kleckner; Rachel and Melissa were second cousins.

Second, there is the matter of the pre-nup and its various codicils that Melissa and George Peter made prior to their marriage. The first version gave her only a minimal inheritance if he died first -- she got the use of their house unless and until she remarried and she got $1000. In the second version, she got the house regardless but only $500. And then in the final version, she got the house and $1600.

Third, there is the matter of her first husband Thomas Newton Wolfe. He apparently had two wives subsequent to his marriage to Melissa, the implication being that she was a divorcee in 1882 when she married George Peter.

George Peter was Peter's youngest son and designated P4a4.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE NORTHUMBERLAND MERTZES. Jack Mertz (the family genealogist before I came along) wrote this about him. *"George Peter was a wheelwright but after marriage went into the mercantile and hotel business in Freeburg. Amelia's people owned Hummel's Wharf and were in the hotel business. He later moved to Point Township and farmed. After Amelia died, he married Melissa Kleckner Wolfe about 1882 and they moved to Queen Street. George P and Amelia had 14 children including 3 sets of twins. The house that George built for his family in the 1870's and inherited by Hoggy (Wm H) was left to Mabel Mertz Dixon who moved it from along the Old Milton Road to its present location up the hill where it is now the VFW and the lands around it went to the PA RR Yards."*

Jack may not have known that within four years of his marriage, George had already moved to Point Township. In any event, George did not spend a lot of years pursuing the Hummel family businesses. Benjamin Hummel (Amelia's father), though, may have played a central role as to why George left his family in Freeburg to move to Northumberland. In 1853, Benjamin sold 20 acres of land to the trustees of what would become Riverview Cemetery, land he had purchased in 1852 at public auction -- but he possibly was active in land speculation in Northumberland County earlier than that.

In, Census, he can be accounted for in his father's household in 1820-1840 and then he moved to Northumberland.

By 1850, Union County (including what would become Snyder County) had been split off from Northumberland County. The spelling of the name had become Martz for all of Hans Peter's sons who settled in what then (in 1850) was Northumberland County. The Mertz spelling had only been retained in what then (in 1850) was Union County. So, by relocating from Union County to Northumberland County, George Peter introduced the Mertz spelling to Northumberland County.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
George Peter's will is quite a document, what with the pre-nup and codicils relating to his second marriage. Jack Mertz gave me a copy of the actual instrument. It was written 24 Dec 1885 and proved 22 Sep 1887. It refers to wife Melissa. In the will she gets use of his house so long as she is his widow, she gets $1000 and she gets all the household furniture except the "old Secretary which formerly belonged to the Hummel family". Son William Henry gets the homestead farm in Point Township for which he owes cash to the estate and has the obligation to provide certain provisions for the younger daughters. Sons George Albert and Amos Allen get the Chillisquaque Farm. Son John Phillip gets the farm in Tuckahoe Valley. The wife and children of son Benjamin Franklin are included. Sons William Henry and Benjamin Franklin were named Executors.

According to Riverview burial records, he died of apoplexy.

George Peter is on find-a-grave. I put his memorial there.

Known Daughters
Jack Mertz used to organize and was President of the George Peter Mertz Family Reunion held each summer at Lithia Springs and his list of his eight daughters must be authoritative. The list in Floyd is basically the same. And the list in Martz/Mertz is also the same but adds the information that the latter two daughters both lived their married lives in Oil City, PA. Finally, I have verified the names of all his daughters from his will and from Census listings -- tracing them from the years they lived with their parents and then as adults living on their own.

Jack Mertz listed them chronologically as follows: Mary Ella and Katherine A (twins) who married Hammond Rhodenbaugh and Cyrus Walters (respectively), Emma Jane married George A Long, Amanda Amelia married first cousin Peter H Mertz, Sarah Ida, Lillie Viola married Charles Biehl, Adda Clarissa and Flora Elizabeth (twins) married Harry Jacoby and James Benner (respectively).

Known Sons
Jack Mertz listed six sons, in agreement with other sources. And I have verified the names of the five that survived from his will and from Census listings -- tracing them from the years they lived with their parents and then as adults living on their own.

Jack Mertz listed them chronologically as follows: Benjamin Franklin married Olivia "Leafy" Hoffman, William Henry married Emeline Moyer, George Albert and John Peter (twins) -- George married Margaret Stamm and John Peter died as an infant, John Philip married Anna Rebecca Hopewell, Amos Allan married Tillie Vanada.

Since George Peter was my ancestor, I have tracked his sons more closely than I might have otherwise.

Spouse: 2G GM Amelia Amanda Hummel

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Birth:	21 Aug 1823	Hummels Wharf, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Marriage:	17 Nov 1846	Hummels Wharf, PA[8,9,10,11,12]
Marr Memo:	(C A Fisher's list of marriages)	
Death:	22 May 1880[13]	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA	
Father:	3G GF Benjamin Hummel (1788-1869)	
Mother:	3G GM Catherine Hilbish (1795-1868)	

Parent-Proof
The fact that her father was Benjamin Hummel is clear from his will and is as stated by Jack Mertz, J L Floyd and Joseph A Meiser. The real proof though is that she and her husband have a rather large tombstone obelisk in Riverview Cemetery and it is right beside a similar one of her parents.

Discrepancies
Her birth and death dates are as transcribed by Gearhart from her tombstone and also by Jack Mertz. Meiser's transcription of Riverview says died 22 May 1890 but this was clearly a typo. She was not present in the 1880 Census and her husband remarried by 1882. I also have a transcription that says 1890 and her age at death was 66y.

The truth is that every face on this tombstone, except hers, is quite readable as it should be for a monument not all that old. Hers, though, is almost impossible to read and I looked at it in several different lights (daylight, clouds, dusk, etc). The month and day of her birth and death are readable, the year of her birth 1822 is readable and I think her age 56 years is also readable. So I believe the dates I have for her are accurate.

Find-a-Grave
In Amelia's time, women didn't often write wills, especially if they pre-deceased their husband. If a woman died after her husband, if he had left her substantial property and not specifically stated how it was to then be divided or if perhaps she had inherited property, say from her father, after her husband died -- then a woman might leave a will.

So it is interesting that Amelia wrote a brief will 23 Apr 1880 in which she left her husband George P Mertz all her personal property and *"all my right title and interest in the farm on which we now reside ..situated in [Point] Twp..consisting of 111 acres."* The will was proven 12 Jun 1880, yet more proof as to her date of death.

This strongly suggests that George and Amelia came to Point Township to farm Benjamin Hummel's land. Ben was the land baron.

Amelia is on find-a-grave. I put her memorial there.

I have a transcription of Amelia's stone: *"Here rests a good true affectionate wife and mother. A true friend and benefactor to all. She believed fully in the Lord and mercy of her heavenly father and in the hour of death relied upon Christ as her savior & redeemer."*

Sources

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2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Mertz, Point Twp North'd Co, 40, farmer, Amelia 34, Mary A and Catharine A 12, Benjamin F 10, Emma J 9, William H 6, George A twin 5, John P 4, Amanda A 1.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), G P Mertz, Point Twp North'd Co, 48, retired farmer, $50800, Amelia 46, Mary and Catharine 22, Benjamin 20, Emma 18, William 16, George A 14, John 12, Amanda 10, Sarah J 8, Albert 6, Lilly 4.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George P Mertz, Point Twp North'd Co, 58, farmer, Amanda 20, Ida 17, Amos A 15, Lily Viola 13, Ada C and Flora E 10.
5. Tombstone Riverview Cemetery, North'd Co, PA, Ann Mertz (complier), George Peter Mertz birth and death dates from Gearhart's Riverview transcriptions.
6. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "A Genealogist's Guide to Burials in North'd Co, PA - Vol VI," Joseph A Meiser, Riverview Cemetery, 1970's, Repository: LDS Fiche 6100181, Lists people buried AND their spouse and parents, if known, Many Mertzes and their relations were identified by Meiser.
7. Church Records: St John's Lutheran, Northumberland, PA, Confirmations, Baptisms, Deaths, Membership, Repository: LDS Film 1486678, Ancestry.com, North'd Co Genweb, George P Mertz was a trustee from 3 Jun 1875 to 1 Jun 1877. He was removed as a member by death 17 Sep 1887; 65y, 8m, 24d [1821 Dec 24]. Everyone else lists George's birth date as 23 Dec, so I think the church's arithmetic is faulty.
8. Published Book. Author: IBID. Fisher. Central PA Marriages. Marriages by Rev CG Erlenmeyer 1840-1875 Snyder Co. 17 Nov 1846 George Mertz and Amelia Hummel.
9. Letter Author: IBID. Jack Mertz. Jacks lists George Peter Mertz and Amelia Amanda Hummel as the parents of John Philip Mertz. GPM: b.23 Dec 1821 Freeburg, PA d.21 Sep 1887 Point Township. AAH: b.21 Aug 1823 d.22 May 1880. Both buried Riverview.
10. Published Family Histories. Author: IBID. Meiser "Martz/Mertz". GP Mertz & Amelia Hummel listed and their parents and children named including John Philip (1857-1926).
11. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." George P Mertz b.23 Dec 1821 d.17 Sep 1887 s/o Peter and Catherine Motz and his wife Amelia Hummel b.21 Aug 1823 d.22 May 1890 [typo]. George P is the next to earliest Mertz as listed by Meiser -- the earliest born was Israel b.1812.
12. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. Biography of George Mertz & Amelia Hummel and their families.
13. Tombstone Riverview Cemetery, North'd Co, PA, Ann Mertz (complier), Amelia Mertz on George Mertz obelisk.

Name: **Benjamin Franklin Mertz (P4a4a)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 3 Apr 1850 North'd, PA
Death: 17 Apr 1910[4,5]
Burial: Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA
Father: 2G GF George Peter Mertz (P4a4) (1821-1887)
Mother: 2G GM Amelia Amanda Hummel (1823-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Jack Mertz wrote: *"in the will of George Peter, Benjamin Franklin Mertz was not bequeathed anything although he was one of the executors. In the codicil, George Peter left Benjamin Franklin's wife Olivia, called "Leafy", and children his share. Benjamin Franklin went into bankruptcy in Northumberland where he was in the mercantile business and ran an Opera House, so he could inherit nothing as his creditors would have seized his share."*

Benjamin Franklin is designated P4a4a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

His Northumberland County will proved 29 Apr 1910, George E executor.

Benjamin Franklin Mertz is on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Mary Olivia Hoffman**

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Birth: Jan 1854
Marriage: abt 1872 North'd Co, PA
Death: 1944[6,7]
Burial: Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Benjamin F Mertz, laborer, 29, North'd Borough, Oliva M 26, Cora M 5, George E 2.
2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Benjamin F Mertz, Apr 1851, married 28 years, North'd Borough, Mary O Jan 1854 2/1, George E Feb 1878.
3. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Benjamin F Mertz, 60, married 35 years, grocery merchant, North'd Borough, Mary O 58 2/2. His neighbor is son George E.
4. Website "Northumberland County Website." St John's Lutheran burials 1874-1925. B F Mertz d.17 Apr 1910. 60y 0m 14d.
5. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." Meiser gives birth and death dates as shown and states marital relationship.
6. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." Meiser gives birth and death dates as shown.
7. 1930 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age/Age Married, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Mary O Mertz 77 and Cora M Cross 55 a seamstress both widows are neighbors on Queen St in North'd.

Name: **William Henry Mertz (P4a4b)**[1,2]

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Birth:	6 Jun 1853	North'd, PA
Death:	18 Dec 1915[3,4]	
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA	
Father:	2G GF George Peter Mertz (P4a4) (1821-1887)	
Mother:	2G GM Amelia Amanda Hummel (1823-1880)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Floyd lists him as a son of George Peter, as does Jack Mertz and Census. Floyd says he was a florist of note.

I have been in contact with Pat Mertz Esswein, my third cousin, who has helped me document the William Henry branch of the family and takes issue with any characterization of William Henry based on his nickname "Hoggy". Pat is the daughter of Herbert Altmann Mertz who was the son of Boyd Fisher Mertz and Maria Altmann -- a German woman he met there after World War I. Boyd Fisher was the son of William Henry.

I have also heard from third cousin Dan Mertz (George Peter, George Peter, William Henry) who described the business activity of William Henry's family: *"I'd characterize it as an integrated grower, processor, and distributor of food and related products. I still marvel at its complexity! My grandfather George and his brothers Bill, Harold, and Boyd farmed the Susquehanna River bottom from Point Township to and beyond Chillisquaque Creek. I'm not sure when the greenhouses were built. Their business was production of fruits, vegetables, (flowers?) and fresh meats which they sold in the Sunbury Markethouse. The brothers also trucked and sold their goods, personally, in Philadelphia, Baltimore & Reading (back to Berks County). For a short period of time, they had farms in Florida. As the story goes, they would truck coal into the south and bring back produce they grew on the farms down there."*

This is the branch of the family that Dad always called the "Greenhouse Mertzes". He would say: "we're not related to them." Evidently, second cousins didn't count to Dad. William Henry is designated P4a4b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

William Henry is on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Emeline Moyer**[7]

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Birth:	23 Sep 1854	
Marriage:	8 Jan 1878	North'd Co, PA[5,6]
Death:	19 Apr 1939[8]	
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA	
Father:	George C Moyer (1816-1900)	
Mother:	Elizabeth Fisher	

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Mertz, farmer, 26, Point Twp, Emmaline 25, Aderlee A 1.

2. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), William H Mertz, 56, married 31 years, farmer, Point Twp, Emaline 55, Elizabeth 27, George P 25, Blanche E 22, Ruth E 19, William H 17, Boyd F 14, Harrold R 10.
3. Website "Northumberland County Website." St John's Lutheran burials 1874-1925. Wm H Mertz d.18 Dec 1915. 62y 6m 12d.
4. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." William H Mertz - birth and death dates as shown and states marital and parental relationships.
5. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. Gives the marriage date and names all children of William and Emeline Mertz.
6. Published Book. Author: George W Wagenseller, "Snyder County Marriages, 1835-1899," Repository: LDS Film , Based on Newspapers and Minister Records, William Mertz and Emeline Moyer listed - she d/o George C.
7. 1930 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age/Age Married, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Emeline Moyer, 74, widow, Point Twp. Lives near sons Harold R, William H and Boyd F.

Name: **George Albert Mertz (P4a4c)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	24 Dec 1854	North'd, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	19 May 1921[5]	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA	
Father:	2G GF George Peter Mertz (P4a4) (1821-1887)	
Mother:	2G GM Amelia Amanda Hummel (1823-1880)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

He was sometimes called Abner rather than Albert, but I take George Peter's will as definitive and it clearly says George Albert. He is designated P4a4c.

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Spouse: **Margaret Ann Stamm**

Birth:	27 Jan 1859	
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Marriage:	26 May 1878	St John's Lutheran, North'd, PA[6]
Death:	1 Feb 1927[5]	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA	
Father:	Thomas J Stamm	
Mother:	Catherine Crouser	

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Albert G Mertz, 24, farmer, next door to his father, Point Twp, Maggie 21.

2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), George Mertz, North'd Borough, Dec 1855 married 22 years, sewing machine agent, Maggie Jan 1859, Arthur Sep 1880, Clarinda Sep 1882, Robert S Sep 1884, Thomas J Sep 1886, Neda Apr 1890, Albert C Apr 1892, Charles H Apr 1900.

3. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), George A Mertz, North'd Borough, 55, married 30 years, hotel clerk, Margaret A 51, Arthur R laborer dye works 29, Robert S 25, Thomas J filer forge works 23, Albert C 18, Charles H 10.

4. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), George A Mertz, North'd Borough, 63, RR trackman, Margaret M (?) 60, Artie R laborer dye works 38, Charles Herman stenographer RR 20.

5. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." Meiser gives birth and death dates as shown and states marital relationship.

6. Website "Northumberland County Website." St John's Lutheran Marriages. George A Mertz to Maggie A Stamm 26 May 1878.

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Name: **GGF John Philip Mertz (P4a4d)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 23 Jun 1857 North'd, PA[4]
Birth Memo: (baptismal record gives birth date)
Death: 21 Jan 1926[5,6]
Death Memo: (Jack Mertz gave date, tombstone says 1926)
Burial: Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA
Father: 2G GF George Peter Mertz (P4a4) (1821-1887)
Mother: 2G GM Amelia Amanda Hummel (1823-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
John Philip Mertz was my great-grandfather. Census proves that he was the son of George Peter Mertz and father of John Oakley. Jack Mertz did not know John P's birth date, I only came across it by chance since he was baptized at Selinsgrove at his Hummel grandparent's church and that is the only source I have found that gives it.

Jack wrote this about John Philip. *"He was born on the Old Mertz Homestead, the log cabin along the old Milton Road in Northumberland in 1857. He worked on the Tuckahoe Farm on Ridge Road which he later inherited when George Peter died in 1887. He married in the Methodist Church, Northumberland in 1875 or 1876. Later, he sold his farm and moved to town where he entered the dairy and ice business, based in Mertz's Hollow on upper Second Street near his house with two large dams and big ice houses. As his sons took over and expanded the business and started businesses of their own, John Philip was able to retire early. In later years, he would winter in Florida near Safety Harbor. He became ill there in winter 1926, and died on the way home near Athens, GA in Lee Mertz' car."*

I was examining LDS film 1414851, the records of First Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove because it was the early Hummel church and I was surprised to find John Philip among the baptisms. No one before then had ever known his exact birth date. Obviously, Amelia's parents still belonged there and the parents returned to Selinsgrove (from North'd where they were living) to baptize their son.

He is designated P4a4d.

Relocated and Census Tracking
He was listed in his father's household in 1860 and 1870.

Then in 1880, he is nowhere to be found. John and Rebecca are definitely married and have had at least one child. They are not living with either his or her parents. They should be living in Northumberland, most likely Point Township. I have searched the Census for them and the only possibility is a listing in Point Township for John Mertz age 22, but all the details are wrong about his wife and child for this to be him.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
His will proved 9 Feb 1926 with Rebecca as Executor.

John Philip is on find-a-grave. I got his memorial transferred to me. I found his death certificate from Georgia and added it to that site too.

I think Jack Mertz was wrong when he said John P died near Athens, I think he meant near Augusta. The death certificate says his wife was Rebecca Anna and his parents were

George P Mertz and Amelia Homer. It says he was born 21 Jun 1858 and died 21 Jan 1926. His tombstone though is engraved with an 1857 birth year which I think is correct.

Spouse: GGM Anna Rebecca Hopewell

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Birth:	11 Mar 1857	North'd, PA
Birth Memo:	(PA Death Certificate)	
Marriage:	1875	Methodist Church, North'd, PA[7,8,9]
Death:	28 Aug 1938[10]	
Death Memo:	(PA Death Certificate)	
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA	
Father:	2G GF John Ulp Hopewell (1829-1908)	
Mother:	2G GM Sarah Catherine Young (1834-1916)	

Parent-Proof
Her mother's and father's obituary both list Mrs. John P Mertz as their surviving daughter. Her death certificate confirms she was the daughter of John and Sarah (Young) Hopewell.

Jack Mertz wrote:

"John Philip's wife, Anna Rebecca Hopewell, was a tall woman, almost six feet in height. She was also slender and very pretty as a young woman. She was literary minded and taught school for a while before she was married. She played the organ, wrote poetry, and spoke Pennsylvania Dutch. She wasn't much of a housekeeper or cook but would rather ponder the verses of the bible or write poetry, or sniff the air or admire the setting sun. She was a great student of the bible and was finally convinced that her religion would be the Seventh Day Adventist denomination. She had been raised a strict Methodist but on her conviction, abetted by Marie's and Anna's support, they and their families became Seventh Day Adventists. The Mertz's are traditionally Lutheran and Edmund, Oak, Blair, and Byron's families remained in that denomination.

Anna Rebecca was also very active in the Women's Christian Temperance Union and very much against drinking, smoking, and other vices, such as dancing and playing cards and gambling. Consequently, most of her sons, except Edmund, had overdoses of religion and WCTU propaganda so they promptly tasted deeply and often of less virtuous habits. However, none of them that I know of danced or played cards but were tolerant of those sins in others. But Anna Rebecca had a redeeming characteristic, she had a fine sense of the ridiculous, was humorous and laughed and laughed. When she stayed at the Springs with Gerry and me when we were in our early teens, she used to keep me awake at night recounting the incidents of the day and the week in the most comical manner that we laughed until two or three AM.

After the sons and daughters had left home, John Philip and Anna Rebecca lived in their house on Second Street for some time. After John died in 1926, the sons, mainly Oakley, built her a more comfortable home on one floor on the corner of Prince and Second Street near the old house."

The Hopewell family were English Quakers who came to America apparently before 1722 and settled in New Jersey before removing to Northumberland around 1800. I had always thought Dad was of 100% pure German stock -- I knew I wasn't because Mom was of Scots-Irish-English ancestry -- but I thought Dad was. And I think the Hopewells are about the only non-German line in his heritage, but it is most certainly present.

Curiously, according to Jack Mertz, Anna Rebecca spoke Pennsylvania Dutch. I think the explanation for that is that her grandfather John Young -- which sounds like an English name -- was in fact German, the son of George Jung. So Rebecca's mother was German.

Census History
1860 and 1870. She lived with her father.
1880-1920. She lived with her husband.
1930. She lived with her son J O.

Find-a-Grave
I placed a memorial for her on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), John P Mertz, North'd Borough, Jun 1858, farm labor, married 23y, Rebecca Mar 1857 8/8, Walter E Oct 1878, Ralph B Nov 1882, Lee Haven Jun 1885, John O Jun 1890, Myrtle M Apr 1895, Blair H Jun 1898, Millard B Apr 1900.
2. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), John P Mertz, 2nd St North'd Borough, 52, dairyman, married 32y, Rebecca 53 (9/9), Pearl 29 divorced, J Oakley 19 single, M Marie 15, Blair 11, Byron 10, Anna 7.
3. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), John P Mertz, 2nd St North'd Borough, 62 retired, Rebecca A 62, Blair H 21 auto mechanic, Anna M 17 ice cream clerk.
4. Church Records: First Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, Baptisms and Other Records, Repository: LDS Film 1414851, John Philip Mertz b. 23 Jun 1857 bp.10 Sep 1857 s/o George Mertz and Amelia.
5. Tombstone Riverview Cemetery, North'd Co, PA, COM, I have found, photo'd and transcribed, J P Mertz 1857-1926 buried next to and with similar stone to Rebecca Mertz.
6. Probate Records LDS Scannable Images On-line, Probate Records, GA death certificate. John Philip Mertz d.21 Jan 1926 b.21 Jun 1858. Died in Richmond County, GA. s/o George P Mertz and Amelia Homer. Wife Rebecca Anna.
7. Letter Author: IBID. Jack Mertz. Jack says JPM & ARH married about 1875 at North'd Methodist Church.
8. Published Family Histories. "Northumberland County Pioneers, Hummel Chapter(s)," Author: Joseph A Meiser + others, Repository: NCHS, LDS, Covers the various North'd County lines plus some other lines in other counties, John Peter (typo) Mertz (1857-1926 s/o Amelia Hummel and George P Mertz) & Anna Rebecca Hopewell (1857-1938).
9. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." John Peter (typo) Mertz, 1857-1926 (s/o George P Mertz and Amelia Hummel) and his wife Rebecca Hopewell, 3/11/1857-8/28/1939 (d/o John Hopewell and Sarah Young).
10. Tombstone Riverview Cemetery, North'd Co, PA, COM, I have found, photo'd and transcribed, Rebecca Mertz 1857-1938 buried next to and with similar stone to JP Mertz.

Name: **Amos Allan Mertz (P4a4e)**[1,2]

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Birth:	9 Sep 1863 North'd, PA
Birth Memo:	(DeLong Family Bible)
Death:	11 Oct 1943 Miami, Dade Co, FL
Death Memo:	(his g-g-grandson Terry)
Father:	2G GF George Peter Mertz (P4a4) (1821-1887)
Mother:	2G GM Amelia Amanda Hummel (1823-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Amos Allan Mertz is listed as the youngest son of George Peter and Amelia Amanda by all historical sources. In the 1870 Census, he was named Albert age 6 -- which name I think is simply a mistake of someone trying to remember all those names of the children when the Census taker showed up. Indeed, in 1880, he was Amos A age 15. He is designated P4a4e.

Relocated and Census Tracking

Amos was the only one of George Peter's sons who left the Northumberland area, first to Williamsport and then to Florida.

I cannot find Amos and Tillie (even using the names Allan, Matilda and/or Albert) in the 1900 or the 1910 Census. They did show up in the 1920 Census living in Williamsport where he was a merchant. His son Raymond, married apparently to Grace, lived with his parents as did their son Alan R.

Then in 1930, Amos was retired, living in Miami, FL and Raymond, still living with his parents, was the proprietor and manager of a dance hall. There is no sign of Grace. However, back in Williamsport, we find Grace M Mertz age 34 married at 20 a seamstress. Neither Raymond nor Grace are said to be either widowed or divorced, instead both were reported as married, but they do not appear to have been living together

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Spouse: **Matilda J Von Neida**

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Birth:	abt 1870
Marriage:	abt 1894
Father:	George W Von Neida (~1842-)
Mother:	Abby (~1841-)

Parent-Proof

His wife was said by all sources to be Tillie Vanada. I am sure she was Matilda and her parents' name is consistently spelled Vonneida or Von Neida in both the 1870 and 1880 Census.

Sources

1. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), Amos A Mertz, Williamsport PA, merchant 56, Matilda J 53, Isabelle 22, Raymond V 25 merchant, daughter-in-law Grace 24 and grandson Allen R 3.

2. 1930 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age/Age Married, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Amos A Mertz, Miami FL, 66 retired, married at 30, Matilda J 60, Raymond V 35 married at age 21, Isabelle A 30, (grandsons) Allan R 14, Von E 9.

Name: **Henry Mertz (P4b)**[1,2,3,4,5]

Birth:	30 Mar 1781
Death:	12 Sep 1857[6]
Burial:	St. Peter's Union Church, Freeburg, PA
Father:	4G GF Philip Mertz (P4) (~1746-1804)
Mother:	4G GM Anna Eva (~1752-~1811)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
He was mentioned in his father's 1803 will. We learn his birth date from his tombstone. He lived his life near his brother Peter. He is designated P4b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1850, Henry Mertz, age 69, lived in Washington Townhsip, Union County with Christiana 66, Christiana 38 and Henry 37 — his wife, his daughter and his son.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
The will of Henry Mertz of Washington Township was written Nov 1854 and proved 29 Sep 1857. It referred to his wife but didn't seem to name her. He did name his children as follows: John, Henry, Polly wife of John Straub, Susanna wife of David Smith, Rebecca wife of Raphael Bickhart, Elizabeth wife of Henry Ranstine and one other that looks like Dinah or Jonah but must have been Christina.

As of summer 2015, Henry is not on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
His daughters were named in his will.

Known Sons
From his will, he had two sons. named apparently John H and Henry H. Did they both share the middle name Hains?

Spouse: **Maria Christina Hains**

Birth:	11 Mar 1784[7]
Death:	16 Sep 1862[8]
Burial:	St Peter’s Union, Freeburg, PA
Father:	John Hains (-1815)

Parent-Proof
The will of John Haines of Mohantango Twp proved 9 Feb 1815 named daughter Christina (Mrs. Henry Mertz).

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), Henry Martz, wagon maker, Penns Twp North'd Co, 1/3, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Henry Mertz, Washington Twp, Union Co, PA, 1/2, 1/3, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Henry Mertz, Washington Twp, Union Co, PA, 15-19M, 20-29M, 40-49M, 10-14F, 15-19F, 20-29F (2), 40-49F.

4. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Henry Mutz, Union Co, PA, 20-29M, 50-59M, 20-29F, 40-49F.
5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Mertz, 69, farmer, Washington Twp Union Co, Christiana 66, Henry 37, Christiana 38, Thomas Arbogast 4, Jeremiah Hathaway 9.
6. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Dates as given 76y 3m 12d.
7. Probate Records "Probate and Orphans Court Records 1772-1855," Snyder County, Author: C A Fisher Abstract, Wills, Estate Files, Extracted and abstracted from North'd and Union Co files, Repository: LDS Films 1414861, Will of John Haines proved 1815.
8. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. w/o Henry -- dates as given.

Name: **John H Mertz (P4b1)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1806
Death: 26 Dec 1890
Father: Henry Mertz (P4b) (1781-1857)
Mother: Maria Christina Hains (1784-1862)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
John was named as his son in his father's will. He is designated P4b1.

I believe he never had any children.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Henry and Christian and John H all lived together in Freeburg in 1870 -- three children of Henry's.

1880. He, his wife and children live in Freeburg and also present is Catharine Garman -- is she his cousin who supposedly married Garman?

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Death and Find-a-Grave
The will of John H Mertz of Freeburg written 24 Dec 1888 basically left everything to his wife Susanna and certain property to Jennie (?) Arbogast, daughter of Thomas E Arbogast, but he did not define his relationship to her -- [but she was the daughter of his sister's son].

As of summer 2015, John H is not on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Susan Naugle**

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Birth: abt 1832
Marriage: 15 Dec 1878[4]

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Mertz, coachmaker, hotel resident in Washington Twp Snyder Co, 52.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John H Mertz, 72, Freeburg with wife Susan 48. His brother and sister lived with them.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John H Mertz, Freeburg, gentleman 72, Susan 48, William Nagle 14, George Wagner 5, Catharine Garman 69.
4. Published Book. Author: George W Wagenseller, "Snyder County Marriages, 1835-1899," Repository: LDS Film , Based on Newspapers and Minister Records, Listed here.

Name: **Henry H Mertz (P4b2)**[1,2]

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Birth: 20 Dec 1813
Death: 13 Feb 1873[3]
Burial: St Peters Union, Freeburg, PA
Father: Henry Mertz (P4b) (1781-1857)
Mother: Maria Christina Hains (1784-1862)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Henry was named as his son in his father's will. He is designated P4b2.

I believe he never had any children. Nor do I think he married.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
The will of Henry Mertz of Washington Township, Snyder County bequeathed his house in Freeburg to sister Christina and after her death to Thomas E Arbogast and also after his sister's death $200 to go to Henry Ramstine. The residue of his estate he left to his brothers and sisters then living. He appointed "friend" John P Mertz, executor.

As of summer 2015, Henry is not on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry, 45, farmer, Washington Twp Snyder Co, Christiana 77, Percilla 42.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry, 55, in household of John H 64, Christian (female) 57, Freeburg.
3. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Dates as given 59y 1m 23d.

Name: **Abraham Mertz (P4c)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	26 Feb 1783 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(Longswamp church record)
Death:	14 Mar 1859
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Numidia Bible Cemetery, Catawissa, PA
Father:	4G GF Philip Mertz (P4) (~1746-1804)
Mother:	4G GM Anna Eva (~1752-~1811)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Abraham was the only son of Philip whose baptism was recorded: *"25 May 1783, Longswamp Reformed, Abraham Mertz son of Philip and Wife baptized. Sponsors: Abraham Mertz and wife Catharina."* I believe the sponsor Abraham was another son of Peter's not named in his will.

Abraham's father, Philip, made note in his 1803 will of the fact that he had already taken care of him, which strikes me as a strange comment considering Abraham was only 20 years old and was Philip's youngest son. He is designated P4c.

Relocated and Census Tracking

In 1810, I believe Abraham lived in Freeburg. Nicholas also had a son Abraham too who is unaccounted for in 1810 but who I think was already in Ohio. It is true that Jacob, another son of Nicholas, was also in Freeburg in 1810, so it could be argued Abraham was Jacob's brother. But that is not my view.

In any event, after 1810, I don't know for sure what happened to Abraham. He may have died for all I know but there are two Abraham's who show up elsewhere who a.) I don't know who else they are, and b.) their age is not inconsistent with a 1783 birth. One was reported in Milton in Northumberland County in 1820 (born 1786 per his tombstone) and the other in Catawissa, Columbia County in 1820.

I have tried to learn everything I could about Abraham of Milton (who after full consideration, I now designate P1c) and this Abraham to figure out which was the son of Philip. And there are several factors that make me comfortable with my assertion that this Abraham was the son of Philip. The most salient points are:

- While his tombstone says this Abraham was born 17 Jul 1783 and the baptism of Philip's son Abraham says born 26 Feb 1783, his tombstone also says erected by his grandson Cornelius who was only 17 when his grandfather died. I suspect therefore it was erected some number of years later. And in any event 26 Feb 1783 is much closer to 17 Jul 1783 than 4 Sep 1786, the tombstone birth date of the other Abraham.
- The 1815 estate papers of Jacob Yerian who died in Penns Township (basically exactly where Philip Mertz lived) named his daughter Elizabeth Mertz, wife of Abraham of (nearby) Mohantango Township. I don't know the name of the wife of Abraham of Columbia County but I do know that the name of the wife of Abraham of Milton was Susan and she was the mother of their son John born in 1811.
- So I think Abraham of Milton is ruled out as possibly the son of Philip leaving this Abraham as the only other candidate and noting also that other than Philip, I don't know any other Mertz or Martz who had a son Abraham of about this age who is unaccounted for.

In 1820, Abraham was in Catawissa where curiously a Jacob Martz also suddenly appeared. Jacob, I believe, was P6b, so if I'm right on his identity and right on Abraham's, they were first cousins. Whether they totally got to Catawissa independently or one had something to do with the other's arrival, I don't know. Jacob came there from Augusta Township so he wouldn't have been in close contact, I wouldn't think, with Abraham in Freeburg.

In 1830, I don't know where Abraham was. In 1840, there was a younger Abraham in Roaring Creek, Columbia County (or else this one with a serious mistake in his age as reported) and in 1850, he was in Roaring Creek, age 65.

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Discrepancies
There is a memorial for Abraham on find-a-grave in their burial unknown category. It is there only to acknowledge that he was Elizabeth Yerian's husband. It mistakenly says Abraham was the son of John Philip Mertz and wife Anna Maria Rosemann. I have tried to get the person who maintains that memorial to understand how totally absurd that statement is, but he won't make the necessary edits.

Death and Find-a-Grave
There is another memorial on find-a-grave for Abraham Martz buried in Numidia, Columbia County (near Roaring Creek), grandfather of Cornelius who erected his tombstone, with dates 27 Jul 1783 - 14 Mar 1859. This is quite close to the known birth date of the Abraham I am trying to track born in Longswamp. I wish it matched exactly. But for several reasons, I believe it is him.

The graveyard where Abraham is buried is in Numidia which is in Locust Township, Columbia County which abuts Roaring Creek Township where Abraham was last seen. But Numidia apparently is served by the Catawissa post office as it has a Catawissa address, but it is not in Catawissa Township.

"Be it remembered that on the 28th day of May 1859, LOA in due and common form were granted….unto Daniel Bieber….".

Known Daughters
I have identified two of Abraham's daughters, perhaps the only ones he had.

In 1850, Abraham lived with Michael and Mary Maurer (or Mowery) and death certificates of her children give her name as Mary Martz. Her husband and several of her children are buried in the same cemetery as Abraham, but there is no sign of her. She was age 27 [1823] in 1850.

Linked to Abraham on find-a-grave as her father is Esther, wife of Daniel Beaver (Bieber). She and Daniel are also buried in that same cemetery. Death certificates of her children give her name as Esther Martz. So I think that is all good confirming evidence that she was Abraham's daughter. Esther was born in 1809. A notice in the Star of the North (Bloomsburg) newspaper dated 27 Jul 1859 announced that Daniel Bieber had been appointed Administrator of Abraham's estate.

Checking Census, Abraham in Freeburg in 1810 had 1 son and 1 daughter under the age of 10 and then Abraham in 1820 in Catawissa had 5 young sons, and 1 daughter 10-15.

Known Sons
From when I first started considering who Abraham of Numidia may have been, I knew from his tombstone that he had a grandson Cornelius Martz, so he must have had at least one son. Then, when I found, in the 1840 Census, there was an Abraham Martz age 20-29 in Roaring Creek where Abraham Sr. was reported in 1850, I guessed that the younger Abraham was the link from grandson to grandfather. This was all confirmed when I later found record that an Abraham Martz had died in 1845 in Roaring Creek leaving a wife Carolina and a son Cornelius.

Then at some later point in time, I learned of Daniel Martz who died in Illinois and was said to have been the son of Abraham Martz, a shoemaker who died in 1856. Daniel had married in Columbia County. While I have never been able to confirm if Abraham was a shoemaker or not and though the 1856 date is slightly discrepant with his 1859 date of death, I thought Abraham of Numidia was the best candidate to be Daniel's father (versus one or two other Abrahams I'm aware of) so I placed Daniel as Abraham's son.

Finally, though, in 2020, a descendent of George Martz who married in Columbia County and died in Pottsville had her DNA done and among her very closest relatives were descendants of Daniel or one or the other of his sisters.

I think three of Abraham's sons are all confirmed by the documented evidence, my theories and finally the DNA evidence.

Spouse: **Elizabeth Yerian**
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Birth: abt 1788
Father: Jacob Irian

Parent-Proof
Jacob Yerian's will named his daughter Elizabeth Mertz. He was of Penns Township when he died and in some papers dated 1815 associated with his estate she was the wife of Abraham Martz of Mohantango Township.

The problem is what then happens to Abraham (and Elizabeth). In 1820, there are two Abraham's of the right age to be Philip's son (Nicholas' son is in Ohio where he should be). Now there are a lot of Abraham Mertz (or Martz and other spelling variations) in the 1820 Census but again I know most of them. The two I don't know are the one in Milton and the one in Columbia County.

The one in Milton disappears after 1830 and is replaced by Susan, who I believe was not only his widow but in fact his wife in 1810 when they had their son John, ruling out, in my opinion, that Abraham of Milton was the husband of Elizabeth Yerian in 1815. That leaves, by process of elimination, the one in Columbia County

Find-a-Grave
There is a memorial for Elizabeth on find-a-grave in their burial unknown category.

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), Abraham Martz, Freeburg, North'd Co, PA, 1/1, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0 .

2. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Martie, Catawissa Twp, Columbia Co, PA, 5/0, 0/1, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Martz, 65, Roaring Creek, Columbia, PA, lives with Mary and Michael Maurer.
4. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 25 May 1783 baptism of Abraham Mertz born 26 Feb 1783 s/o Philip and Wife sp. Abraham Mertz and wife Catharina.

Name: **Daniel Martz (P4c1)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 31 Oct 1811
Birth Memo: (died at age 77/0/13 per find-a-grave)
Death: 13 Nov 1888
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Heston Cemetery, Mason Co, IL
Father: Abraham Mertz (P4c) (1783-1859)
Mother: Elizabeth Yerian (~1788-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I found this biography in The History of Menard and Mason Counties, Illinois. I had googled the phrase: "Abraham Martz shoemaker". (I was actually looking for information on Abraham S, son of Abraham Martz, the progenitor of the Milton Martz family.) It is a biography of Daniel Martz, farmer.

"Daniel is the oldest son of Abraham Martz, who was a shoemaker by trade and died about 1856. Daniel was born in 1811, in Pennsylvania. When 16, he began mining, and, at the age of 24, he was selected as "boss" of the company. He opened several important mines in Pennsylvania and was very successful in his management, not even losing a single man under his orders. He continued this business until 1861, when he came to Mason County and settled on the present farm of 120 acres. He was married, in 1833, in Columbia County, PA, to Elizabeth Henninger, daughter of Frederick. They had eleven children, five living, six dead. Surviving are: Sarah, Lavina married John Allen of Fulton County, Emma E married R B Leonard of Mason County, Ellen, Charles (living in Topeka)."

Unfortunately, that biography is a little vague on the details I would have liked to know — where in Pennsylvania was he born and raised, what was his mother's name and what else is known about Abraham so as to indicate which of several men of that name might have been Daniel's father?

So the relevant clues here are (assuming the county history had all its facts right):

- He was born in 1811 and married in 1833 in Columbia County, was he living there then?
- In the 1850 and 1860 Census, he lived in Schuylkill County, for sure a county in which mining was a major activity.
- His father was Abraham, a shoemaker, who died in about 1856.

I know six different men named Abraham Martz or Mertz who lived in Pennsylvania and were born before 1791 and I think it is this group of men who are the candidates to be Daniel's father. Let's consider them in turn, with their designation:

1. Abraham Mertz (P7). He died in 1816 and we know the names of his surviving sons from estate papers of his father-in-law, his sons were Peter, Jacob, Charles and Abraham. The younger Abraham is not one of the six candidates as he was born in about 1796.
2. Abraham Mertz (J2a). He died in 1882 having lived his entire life in Berks County and was buried in Fleetwood, Berks County. He actually had a son Daniel who I am quite sure is the Daniel (1820-1892) also buried in Fleetwood who lived his life in the same area of Berks County as did his father before him.
3. Abraham Martz (P5b). He was born in Berks County, moved to Ohio by 1820 and we know the names of all his surviving sons, there was no Daniel.

4. Abraham Martz (P2c). He was raised in Northumberland County, PA and he also moved to Ohio, in his case probably no later than 1815. We learn the names of Abraham's children from records associated with the estate settlement of his unmarried brother and in one document it says Abraham had a son Daniel. I have never been able to find that Daniel but there was a David who lived in the same place as Abraham and was 30 years younger than Abraham. I have seen the names Daniel and David mis-transcribed as the other one several mites and it is my belief that Abraham had a son named David and no son named Daniel.
5. Abraham Martz (1786-1830) who died in Milton. I won't identify him by his designation as I'm not sure enough who his father was. For a long time, I thought Abraham of Milton may well have been Daniel's father but two things have swayed me away from that theory.

   I know that he had two sons who were shoemakers suggesting that perhaps he was too, but then I found on the Milton tax lists of 1812 and 183 and his occupation was listed as carpenter.

   His wife baptized all his younger children in 1838 and listed their birth dates. She listed their son John as born 11 Dec 1811. She listed no son Daniel, the next in order was Abraham born in 1814. Daniel is said to have died 13 Nov 1888 at age 77 years and 13 days implying a birth date of 31 Oct 1811. Those two birth dates cannot both be correct for a person's two sons. It could be argued that Daniel was already living away as a miner so wasn't available to be baptized with his siblings and it could also be argued that the church record of John's death implies a birth date of 15 Dec 1810, so maybe he did have a brother born in 1811.

   For now, I am choosing to not want to worry about what "could be argued" and I believe there are several contrary facts that rule Abraham of Milton out as Daniel's father.
6. Abraham Mertz (1783-1859) who is buried in Numidia, Columbia County, PA, currently designated P4c. But he too is someone I'm not sure about who *his* father was and might well change my mind at some future date. There are several things that make me think he is the best candidate to be Daniel's father.

   He died in 1859. We know that from his tombstone erected by his grandson, so that may in fact not be totally accurate (maybe it was 1856!). He lived in Columbia County, where Daniel married. He had five sons under the age of 10 in 1820.

So, it is a guess, but Daniel is designated P4c1, son of Abraham of Numidia. If I ever were to learn he was a shoemaker, that would basically clinch it, but I don't as of now know any particular occupation for him.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Consistent with his biography, he lived in various places in Schuylkill County in 1850 and 1860 and then can be found in Mason County, IL in 1870.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Daniel is listed on find-a-grave with wife Elizabeth and son William H (1849-1870) linked to him.

Known Sons
From the 1850 Census, Daniel had two sons born before 1850. His son William H is linked to him on find-a-grave. He died at age 21. I suspect he neither married nor had children and he is not specifically designated.

The other son was:

P4c1a Charles born 1835

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Spouse:	**Elizabeth Henninger**
Birth:	21 Jul 1811
Birth Memo:	died at age 77/6/17 per find-a-grave)
Death:	7 Feb 1889
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Heston Cemetery, Mason Co, IL

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel March, 38, Schuylkill, Schuylkill, PA, Elizabeth 38, Charles 14, Sarah 8, Lavina 5, Elmira 3, William 0.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Danl Martz, 47, St Clair, Schuylkill, PA, Elizabeth 47, Sarah 19, Lavina 14, Elmira 12, Willam H 11, Emma 6.

3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 58, Sherman, Mason, IL, Elizabeth 58, Emma 16, Henry Young 24, Geo Spellman 22.

4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 68, Sherman, Mason, IL, Elezabeth 68.

Name: **Charles Martz (P4c1a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 9 Dec 1835
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 12 Jun 1924
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lakeside Cemetery, Tazwell Co, IL
Father: Daniel Martz (P4c1) (1811-1888)
Mother: Elizabeth Henninger (1811-1889)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Charles as the son of Daniel from his presence in Daniel's 1850 household and his mention in Daniel's biography. He is designated P4c1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Charles did live at some point in Kansas as the biography of his father said but he returned to Illinois and lived out his life there.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Charles and his wife Rachel are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Rachel Bell**

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Birth: 1839
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 26 Jan 1866 Mason Co, IL
Marr Memo: (IL Marriage Index, Ancestry.com)
Death: 1909
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lakeside Cemetery, Tazwell Co, IL

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Charles Martz, 34, Middle Creek, Miami, KS, Rachel 33, Dora 2, Winfield Wheeler 24, Ludwig Voght 21, David Givins 21.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles H Martz, 44, Quiver, Mason, IL, Rachel E 40, Kittie 9, Bella 6, May 5, Theodore Bell 34.

Name: **Abraham Martz (P4c2)**[1]

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Birth: abt 1813
Birth Memo: (age 20-29 in 1840)
Death: 1845
Death Memo: (will written 28 Aug 1845, proved 17 Nov 1845)
Father: Abraham Mertz (P4c) (1783-1859)
Mother: Elizabeth Yerian (~1788-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Originally, this Abraham was a placeholder to bridge the gap between Abraham Sr. reported in Roaring Creek, Columbia County in the 1850 Census and who was buried in Numidia there and his grandson Cornelius who placed his tombstone.

I can find Cornelius starting in 1850 and he was born in the early-mid 1840's and since Abraham age 20-29 in 1840 was the only other Martz reported in Roaring Creek or nearby in 1830 or 1850, I have guessed that he was the father of Cornelius. In 1840, Abraham had one young son.

So I was guessing that this Abraham was the son of the older Abraham, I was guessing that Cornelius was his son and I guessed that he must have died in the 1840's.

And then it all came together when I was doing more research due to our coming to the conclusion that George Martz who died in Pottsville and who I never before knew much about — was the son of the older Abraham.

What I found was an 1846 deed whereby the Executors of Abraham of Roaring Creek sold a 71 acre tract as instructed by Abraham's will. And indeed, I found has will. He died in 1845 leaving a wife Carolina and a son Cornelius. He called himself Abraham Jr. in his will.

He is designated P4c2.

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Spouse: **Carolina**

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Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abraham Martz, Roaring Creek Twp, Columbia Co, PA, 10-14M, 20-29M, 20-29F.

Name: **Cornelius Martz (P4c2a)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 1842
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1871
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Mifflinville Cemetery, Columba Co, PA
Father: Abraham Martz (P4c1) (~1815-~1845)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I first knew Cornelius as the grandson of Abraham because the tombstone of his grandfather has engraved on it that it was placed by his grandson (hard to read but that is what I think it says) Cornelius. Subsequently, I have been able to document that Abraham Sr had a son Abraham Jr who had a son Cornelius. He is designated P4c2a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1850, it would seem that both of Cornelius' parents have died.

Cornelius Martz was age 8 living in Roaring Creek, Montour County with the Millard family, Lydia Millard age 42. You would think Cornelius was living with relatives of some sort. A first thought was that Lydia was his mother, and that could be the case, but she is on find-a-grave (in the same cemetery as Abraham, Cornelius' grandfather) and it seems that there is a lot of information about her own family three. She was maiden name Houck. There is no mention, not even a hint, of any Martz connection there.

Lydia and her husband are buried in the same cemetery as Cornelius' grandfather Abraham. A wild guess would be that Abraham Jr. married Lydia's sister and therefore Cornelius had gone to live with his Aunt Lydia after his own parents died.

Lydia's husband, William, died in 1858 and she herself in 1863. Maybe she felt unable to take care of Cornelius any longer so in 1860, we find Cornelius now living with the Helwig family. A younger Lydia Millard age 19, same age as Cornelius, was living with them.

Finally in 1870, Cornelius was married to Eva and they had two daughters.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Cornelius is on find-a-grave 1842-1871. He was listed with wife Eva and daughter Emma in the 1870 Census.

Known Daughters
The death certificate of Emma E Miller born 1865 says she was the daughter of Cornelius Martz and Eva Fetterolf. A birth place for Cornelius is given but it is almost gibberish, they may have meant to say Mifflinville which is in the Roaring Creek area.

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Spouse: **Eva Fetterolf**[4]

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Birth: 1846
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1915
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)

Burial: Mifflinville Cemetery, Columba Co, PA

Parent-Proof
She married second Charles Miller after Cornelius died.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Cornelius Martz, 8, Roaring Creek, Montour, PA, lives with Millards, William 52, Lydia 42 and their children.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Cornelius Martz, 19, Roaring Creek, Columbia, PA, lives with Helwick family, Henry 34, Cath 28, Lydia Millard 18 present too.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Cornelius Martz, 26, Mifflin, Columbia, PA, Eve 24, Anna E 5, Rachael C 2, unnamed 1 month.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Effie Miller, 33, Mifflin, Columbia, PA, Charles 28, Jordan I Miller 5, Milly S Miller 2, Emma Martz 15.

Name: **George Martz (P4c3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 8 Mar 1814
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 7 Jun 1879
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Charles Baber Cemetery, Pottsville, PA
Father: Abraham Mertz (P4c) (1783-1859)
Mother: Elizabeth Yerian (~1788-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I first heard of George in 2014, when the husband of a descendant of his contacted me to see if I could help figure out who his father was. I struck out.

There were too many clues and perhaps too many candidates.

His marriage record in a Northumberland County newspaper said he was of Northumberland County when he married Melissa Hopkins in Nov 1838. That opens the door to all those Augusta and Shamokin Township Martzes as possible candidates. But Melissa was of Columbia County so that opens the door to all those Columbia County Martzes.

We tried to list all the candidates and see who we could rule out but it still left too long a list. And from time to time, something would come up that would make me remember George and see if I then had some new clue but nothing ever seemed to be helpful.

And then in 2020, my correspondent told me that his wife had done an Ancestry DNA test and maybe that could help. He had found what he thought was a rather strong connection between his wife's DNA and that of descendants of Daniel Martz, who he found in my database as the son of Abraham Martz (1783-1859) who died in Numidia.

So we discussed a more all encompassing approach to finding everyone his wife matched who might be a Martz descendant of some kind. The evidence seems to point to George being a descendant of Hans Peter Mertz but what was really striking was quite a number of independent connections to people descended from Ester (Martz) Bieber, daughter of Abraham of Numidia.

I believe the DNA evidence strongly suggests that:

1. George was the son of Abraham Martz (P4c). My correspondent's wife has many, many DNA cousins who descend from Abraham's son Daniel or his daughter Ester who married Daniel Bieber or his daughter Mary who married Wellington Maurer (or Mowrey).

2. Since George and Daniel seem to have a strong connection, I think it also confirms that Daniel too was a son of Abraham, which is what I suspected but I think this adds more evidence in support of that belief.

3. That Abraham was of the Hans Peter family. My correspondent's wife has a sufficient number of cousins who descend from Philip Mertz (P4) for us to believe it but the fact that Abraham's father was a different son of Hans Peter cannot be ruled out.

George is designated P4c3.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I found George in Pottsville — where I was told I would find him when I first learned about him — in 1850 and 1870 but never had found him in 1860. Then when I was reviewing Columbia County deeds to see if there was anything that would connect George to Abraham (there isn't). I did find a deed whereby 112 acres that had belonged to Matthew McDowell were sold to George Martz in 1861 "of Scott Township".

Sure enough, in the 1860 Census we find George and M B (obviously Malissa) in Scott Township, Columbia County and children: H age 16, A age 13, A age 10, and L M age 7. I think this is Helen and Alonzo from the 1850 Census and Arabella and Lloyd from the 1870 Census.

Curiously, in 1880, the widow Melissa was reported twice, two of her children claimed she was living with them.

Death and Find-a-Grave
George and Melissa are on find-a-grave with four children liked to them..

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Spouse:	**Malissa B Hopkins**[4,5]
Birth:	1826
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	Nov 1838
Death:	1893
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Charles Baber Cemetery, Pottsville, PA

Parent-Proof
She was the daughter of Uzal Hopkins, a well known politician of Montour County. Columbia deed 19/92 has the heirs, including Malissa and George, of Rebecca Hopkins selling a piece of land.

Her will left everything to Mary Jane Mertz, wife of her son Lloyd Mertz.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Martz, 38, Pottsville North West Ward, Schuylkill, PA, Malissa 33, Clarissa 8, Mary 7, Helen 4, Alonzo 3, Isadore 1, Elmira Hopkins 25, Louis Hopkins 17.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Geo Martz, 47, Scott, Columbia, PA, M B 45, H 16, A 13, A 10, and L M 7 plus other people too hard to read.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George Martz, 56, Pottsville Middle Ward, Schuylkill, PA, Melissa 54, Arabella 19, Lloyd 16, Bridget Finn 15.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Malissa B Martz, 63, Allentown, Lehigh, PA, l/w son-in-law Francis J Quinn and Clara Quinn 38.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Malissa B Martz, 61, Pottsville, Schuylkill, PA, l/w Lloyd 26, Mary Jane 23, Arena 4, George 3, Aaron R 1, William 7m.

Name: **Nicholas Mertz (P5)**[1,2,3,4,5,6]

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Birth:	8 Aug 1748	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Death:	22 Feb 1801	Middleburg, North'd Co, PA[7,8]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	Family Cemetery, Franklin Twp, Snyder Co, PA	
Father:	5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)	
Mother:	5G GM Catharina	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

A Nicholas Mertz died in 1801 in Middleburg, (then) Northumberland (now) Snyder County, PA. Based on all the research I have done on the Mertzes of Longswamp Township (Berks County) taken together with what I learned about Nicholas of Middleburg (timing of his first appearance in Northumberland County, name of his wife, names and birth dates of his children), there can be no doubt he was of the Longswamp Mertz family, and from his age, of what I call the third generation (David, the immigrant, Gen I, his sons Nicholas and Hans Peter Gen II).

But the question is how many third-generation Nicholas Mertz were there in the Longswamp Family -- one or two? And if two, which one of them came to Middleburg?

Nicholas of the second-generation died in 1760 and from Orphans Court records after he died, he definitely had a son Nicholas. Then when Hans Peter died in 1787, he named Nicholas as one of his Executors. Was that his nephew or did he too have a son Nicholas?

Charles Fisher, noted Snyder County genealogist, identified Nicholas of Middleburg as the brother of Philip who came to nearby Freeburg, who, no question was the son of Hans Peter. Philip and Nicholas were both Lieutenants in the Berks County Militia. They appeared in early tax records of Penns Township about the same time. So, the idea they were brothers made sense, but maybe they were just close cousins. How could it be known which relationship was true?

One question was finally answered when Mary Lou Kueker convinced me that Peter indeed had a son Nicholas as she found the proof. There were several deeds recorded not long after Peter's death, wherein Peter Jr. and Nicholas sold their deceased father's land. The deeds could not be more clear. Hans Peter had a son Nicholas.

The question remained, which one came to Middleburg? And while assuming Nicholas and Philip were brothers was logical, I wanted more proof. I feel the answer to that question can be inferred from the birth date -- 1748 -- of Middleburg Nicholas, from his tombstone.

The 1748 birth date is important because if you read all the petitions filed upon the death of Generation II Nicholas, his son Nicholas was consistently listed last among his children. Moreover, there were seven minor children when Nicholas died in late 1760 -- meaning they were born after 1744 (if minors were those under 16). So 1748 seems too early for the birth of the youngest of his seven minor children.

My conclusion is that Fisher was right all along, that Nicholas of Middleburg was the brother of Philip of Freeburg -- both sons of Hans Peter.

Curiously, Nicholas is unique among the seven sons of Hans Peter in that I know his birth date. For all the others, I have had to estimate their birth year based on things like when

they first were listed as a single man on the tax records of Berks County, though that is an estimate at best since the tax records are sporadic as to which years were lost and which still exist. My best guess is that Nicholas was the fifth oldest son of Hans Peter.

As such he is designated P5.

Relocated and Census Tracking
THE MIDDLEBURG MERTZES. In 1789, Nicholas moved to what would become Franklin Township, Snyder County, near what is now Middleburg. Of all the Mertzes who came to then Northumberland County by 1790, it was only Nicholas and his brother Philip who ended up west of the Susquehanna River, the others stayed east of the river. Philip was living on the west side in 1790 too, but was omitted from that Census altogether. Four of Nicholas' neighbors in 1790 all have the name Swineford. In 1810, his widow will be found living in Swinefords -- the town that later will be called Middleburg.

This geographic separation may well be the reason that the Mertz spelling was retained for Nicholas and Peter and their descendants (except in some cases for those that later moved elsewhere). The brothers who settled on the east side of the river came soon to have their name spelled Martz and basically all of their descendants today use that spelling.

1779. Pennsylvania Septennial Census. Nicholas Mertz, Hereford Township.

1790. Nicholas lived in Northumberland County, unspecified township, but he seemed to be quite separate -- geographically -- from all the other Mertzes listed.

1800. Nicholas lived in Penns Township, Northumberland County. Three other Mertzes were listed in Penns: Nicholas' son Isaac, brother Philip and nephew Peter. Penns Township at the time was roughy the part of Northumberland County that eventually became Snyder County.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Nicholas' grave was found and transcribed many years ago. Valerie Mertz found it more recently but it is unreadable today.

All the transcriptions and biographies I have ever seen for Nicholas are in agreement on his vital dates. "On Wittenmeyer Farm, Nicolas Mertz geb 8 Aug 1748 gest Horning (February) 1801 52y 6m 2w". The arithmetic suggests he died 22 February 1801.

A 1748 birth date seems inconsistent with what I know about the other Nicholas, son of Nicholas, and I think rules him out as Nicholas of Middleburg and adds more evidence that there must have been two men named Nicholas of the third generation and this one, son of Hans Peter, came to Middleburg.

Known Daughters
I know the names of all of the daughters of Nicholas and their presumed birth order from the Orphans Court petitions after his death: Betsy wife of Andrew Strayer, Catherine wife of Henry Aughinger, Mary wife of Henry Walter, Gertrude (it mistakenly says Catherine in one petition but is corrected in another) wife of Benjamin Bowersox, Barbara, Polly and Sally, the latter three minors.

Using many different sources taken together with the knowledge of which were minors in 1801, I feel I can make a reasonable guess as to the birth year of each of Nicholas' daughters.

Elizabeth (Betsy). I believe Elizabeth was the oldest daughter, born, I estimate, about 1775. Meiser gives her birth date as 7 Jun 1781 but does not state where he found it. He does not give a date of death, so I doubt it's from a tombstone. He states that Isaac, Abraham and Jacob were baptized at Longswamp -- and that is correct. Elizabeth was not, nor any of the other children. I do not believe her date of birth was 1781 as it conflicts with what I think I know about Jacob. Also, since she was consistently listed first among the females in the Orphans Court filings, I believe she was older than Mary Magdalena, whose 1778 birth date is known from her tombstone.

Elizabeth married Andrew Strayer, according to her brother's Orphans Court petition. Meiser says it was Adam Strayer, Fisher says Betsy was the wife of Mr. Augniger.

Catherine. Catherine was born, I believe, about 1776. The Orphans Court petition and Meiser agree her husband was Henry Aughinger, Fisher says Catherine married Bowersox but that is due to the name mix-up between Catherine and Gerturde.

Mary Lou Clegg, who is interested in the members of this family who moved to Ohio and Indiana, wanted to be sure that Catherine was not the Catherine who married Jesse Cherry, who came from Shamokin Township, and who ended up in Pickaway County where Nicholas' son Abraham went.

She determined that Henry "Aughinger" was Henry Eichinger who was listed in the 1800 Census in Penns and in 1810 in Swinefords. He died in 1812, with Isaac Mertz appointed administrator. A March 1813 Orphans Court listed the children as: Catherine, John, Mary, Peggy — all minors.

Mary Magdalena. From her tombstone at Salem United Church in Middleburg, Mary Magdalena was born 6 Mar 1778 and died 31 Aug 1840. She married Henry Walter in Middleburg on 5 Sep 1795. Their son Abraham married Christina Eyer; Abraham's daughter Sophia married Aaron Klose; Sophia's daughter Harriet Alice married Samuel I Bingaman who was the son of Peter Bingaman and Catherine Mertz. Why do I care?

Because this is but one of quite a number of connections I have with my friend Richard Aurand Sherer, with whom I correspond from time to time, but so far we have not established any common ancestor -- so we are not cousins in any way, so far as we know.

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

Gertrude. Gertrude was born, I estimate, in 1779. She married Benjamin Bowersox.

Barbara. Barbara was born, I estimate, in 1788.

Polly. Polly was born, I would estimate about 1790. Polly was a nickname for Mary and supposedly a Mary Mertz married Andrew Stahlnecker. People have an exact birthdate for her, possibly from a tombstone, of 22 Nov 1792. A tree on Ancestry.com documents that Mary Stahlnecker, age 78, lived in a Schambach household in Beaver Township, Snyder County in the 1870 Census. The connection seems to be that Mary's daughter Catherine was also present in that household — listed as C Schambaugh, age 46. So it may well be true that Mary (aka Polly) married Andrew Stahlnecker.

Sarah. From Census, Sarah was age 53 in 1850, so born about 1797. She was named Sally in most of the Orphans Court records including the 1831 document when Peter Eisenhower and wife Sally state they were paid their fair share of Nicholas' estate -- $157.33.

A notice in the Northumberland Republicaner of 16 Apr 1814 said: "Married, 27 Mar, Peter Eisenhauer and Salome Marz, both of Middleburg, Union County".

Then finally, in the 1850 Census, she was named Sarah.

Known Sons
I know the names of all of the sons of Nicholas and their presumed birth order from the Orphans Court petitions after his death: Isaac, Abraham, Jacob, Samuel, Peter.

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Spouse:	**Catharina Cleaver**[9,10]
Birth:	17 Jul 1754
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Marriage:	abt 1775
Death:	17 Jun 1825[11,12]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Hassinger's Old Cemetery, Snyder Co, PA
Father:	Martin Cleaver
Mother:	Magdalena

Parent-Proof
I would estimate, based on the (in some cases) estimated dates of birth of their children that Nicholas married Catharina about 1775. His wife was always named Catherina, in three baptisms of their children at Longswamp Reformed, and then as administrator of his estate when he died in 1801.

We know the dates of birth and death for Catharina from her tombstone at Hassinger's Old Cemetery, Snyder County, PA.

The will of Martin Cleaver of Hereford Township, Berks County dated 12 Jun 1797 and proved 28 Feb 1799 gave one half of his estate upon sale to eldest daughter Catharina and husband Nicholas Mertz.

So it all seems straightforward, Nicholas' wife was Catharina Cleaver. However, it must be remembered that there was another Nicholas of Longswamp and I have seen some mention somewhere that Nicholas' (who knows which one?) wife was named Catharina Folk, but I have never seen any hard evidence that that was the case.

But with no hard evidence to contradict the straightforward conclusion that the wife of Nicholas of Middleburg was Catharina Cleaver, I am stating that as the case — until and unless some other evidence comes along to make me re-think things.

In 2019, I revisited this question of whether we could consider it "proven" that Nicholas' wife was Catherine Cleaver, daughter of Martin, so I read his will and estate file again. And I realized that Nicholas' other daughter was Mary, deceased wife of Martin Eisenhower. Remember, Sarah (Salome), Nicholas' daughter, married Peter Eisenhower.

I didn't do much work on this but I did find an Ancestry tree (note I generally do not trust such things) that shows a Martin Eisenhower of Hereford Township who had a son Peter with these additional supposed facts: Martin's wife was Sarah (he may well have married again after Mary died), nothing more was shown about Peter including no wife was named but they did have his exact birth and death dates as I have for Peter.

Now understand, the person who built that tree may have it right that Martin had a son Peter but maybe it was a different Peter and they didn't realize that when they picked up the birth and death dates for the wrong Peter from find-a-grave.

My conclusion is that while I don't fully trust the Ancestry tree which would seem to indicate that Sarah Mertz married her cousin Peter Eisenhower, I think the coincidence of the Eisenhower name as Catherine's maiden name and the name of the man her daughter married is some additional evidence.

Census History
In 1810, Catharin Mertz widow age 45+ lived in Swinefords, Northumberland County. Son Isaac was nearby.

In 1820, Catherine Mertz age 45+ lived in Middleburg where her son Samuel also is found.

Sources
1. Land Records Early Tax Records, Northumberland County, Somewhat hit or miss by year and township, Nicholas Mertz was taxed in Augusta Twp in 1786-1788, then in Penns Twp in 1789.
2. Newspaper "Snyder County Tribune," Snyder County Pioneers, Author: Charles A Fisher, 15 Aug 1935, Location: LDS Film 511936, Biographies of persons present in (now) Snyder County before 1800, Fisher gives birth and death date for Nicholas Mertz, says he was a Lt in the Revolutionary War and brother of Philip.
3. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Nicholas Mertz, North'd Co, 1, 5, 4.
4. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Nicholas Martz, Penns North'd, 1/2, 2/1, 1/1, 0/0, 1/1.
5. Published Family Histories. Author: IBID. Meiser "Martz/Mertz". From Orphans Court, names the 12 known children of Nicholas Mertz. Has birth dates and spouse names for some of them.
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7. Tombstone Private farm, probably was his in 1801, Middleburg, Snyder Co, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Valerie found and photo'd grave of Nicholas with unreadable dates.
8. Published Book. Author: George W Wagenseller, 1899-1903, "Tombstone Inscriptions of Snyder County," Repository: CD - PA LDS Films, On Wittenmeyer Farm, Nicolas Mertz geb 8 Aug 1748 gest Horning (February) 1801 52y 6m 2d.
9. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Catharin Mertz, widow, Swineford's North'd, 0/0, 0/1, 0/0, 0/0, 0/1.

10. 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), Catharine Mertz, Middleburg in Center Twp Union Co, 0/0, 0/0, 0/1, 0/0, 0/1.
11. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Catherine Mertz - birth and death date transcribed from tombstone at Old Hassinger's Cemetery.
12. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Wagenseller lists Catherine as w/o Nicholas Mertz -- no dates.

Name: **Isaac Mertz (P5a)**[1,2,3,4,5,6]

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Birth: 10 Mar 1777[7]
Birth Memo: (Longswamp Reformed baptism record)
Death: 23 Dec 1832[8]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: New Berlin Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father: Nicholas Mertz (P5) (1748-1801)
Mother: Catharina Cleaver (1754-1825)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Isaac as the son of Nicholas and Catharina from his 8 May 1777 baptism at Longswamp Reformed which said he was born 10 Mar 1777. As Nicholas' eldest son, he filed the Orphans Court petition after his father's death which named all his brothers and sisters.

Isaac is designated P5a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
THE NEW BERLIN MERTZES. In 1800 and 1810, Isaac lived in Middleburg where his parents lived and then later is found in New Berlin where he died in 1832 and his tombstone said he was 54 years old. There is no question that Isaac who died in New Berlin was Nicholas' son.

His name appeared often in the official records of Union County as he held several offices -- most importantly he was Sheriff of Union County from 30 Oct 1819 to 21 Oct 1822. He served in the Union Rifle Volunteers in 1814 (War of 1812) and he was the Coroner from 1816 to 1819.

1800. He lived in Penns Township (where his father was).

1810. He lived in Swinefords (where his widowed mother was). He was the constable. A male age 16-25 was present and since Isaac was too young to have a 16-year old son, I am guessing that this male was his brother, Jacob, age 19.

1820. He lived in New Berlin (he was a constable).

1830. He lived in New Berlin (where he was Esquire). An elderly woman age 70-80 lived with he and his wife, the mother of one of them, I would presume. Isaac's mother is said to have died in 1825, so it must have been hers.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Isaac is on find-a-grave with dates 23 Mar 1778-23 Dec 1832. I uploaded my own photo to his memorial. I can read that he died in December 1832 on the photo but the exact date has been obliterated. I think I have seen the 23 Dec 1832 date though in some transcription.

I can also read that his tombstone says age 54 years and 9 months — which is the source of the 23 Mar 1778 date of birth given on find-a-grave. That is not, however, in agreement with his birth date as given on his baptism record.

So there are any number of possibilities.

1. Did it really mean 9 months and no days exactly or were the days just not known? If it was 9 months and 13 days, that would compute to 10 Mar 1778, explaining the 13-day discrepancy -- but not the one year discrepancy -- between his birth date on the church record and what it says on find-a-grave.

2. If he actually died 10 Dec 1832, that would gt us to the same place, 10 Mar 1778.

3. Maybe the Isaac Mertz buried at New Berlin is not the same Issac Mertz baptized at Longswamp. But I reject that idea out of hand. We know Nicholas had a son Isaac and every fact of the life of Isaac of New Berlin is totally consistent with the idea he was Nicholas' son of that name.

So, I cannot explain this discrepancy. But I put Isaac forth as my poster child to illustrate the point that tombstones and church baptism records do not always agree.

Known Daughters
From the tick marks of early Census listings, it is clear that Isaac had any number of sons but at most one daughter. I do not know her name. She was under 10 in 1810, 10-15 in 1820 and 20-29 in 1830. So she was born between 1805 and 1810.

Known Sons
There is no list of Isaac's sons that I have ever found. He did not leave a will, I have found no property record of the kind that sometimes lists all the heirs.

Census tick marks though show any number of sons: one under 10 in 1800, four under 10 in 1810, three under 10 + two 10-15 and two 16-24 in 1820, two 10-14 + 2 more 20-29 in 1830.

So maybe he had as many as seven sons.

I think I can name six using, in some cases, deductive reasoning. Four are designated:

P5a1. John (Jun 1801-1 Mar 1877)
P5a2. Samuel (18 Aug 1802-28 Apr 1871)
P5a3. Israel (1812-10 Sep 1866)
P5a4. George (1815-

I think there were two additional sons who do not need to have a designation code.

Henry was born abt 1805. Henry died in 1885. He was buried in New Berlin Cemetery, Union Co, PA. In his will dated 11 Apr 1871, Samuel Mertz (P5a2) made provision for his brother Henry who *"has no home...shall be kept by my children to go to the one he chooses"*.

I'm not sure what Henry's disability was but I do not think he was able to live on his own and there is no evidence he ever did.

Isaac was born on 8 Mar 1812. Isaac died on 28 Mar 1812 He was buried in Hassinger's Old Cemetery, Snyder Co, PA. Joseph Meiser lists him as a son of Isaac's but says he died in 1866 and was buried in Riverview, Northumberland, PA. But his grave is near his grandmother's in Hassingers and I think he lived only about 20 days. The Riverview burial is Israel. I believe Isaac and Israel were twins.

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Spouse:	**Susannah Stahlnecker**

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Birth:	29 Feb 1777
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	25 Aug 1849
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	New Berlin Cemetery, Union Co, PA

Parent-Proof
The biography of George Mertz, Mayor of Mound City in Pulaski County, IL specifically says he was the son of Isaac and Susan Stahlnecker.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Susannah is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. Probate Records "Union County Probate Records," Repository: Courthouse, Lewisburg, PA, Wills, administrations, Valerie Mertz copied these, Isaac Martz died intestate. In 1834, his widow Susanna renounced and his estate was administered by Samuel Mertz, Jacob Reichly and John Mauch.
2. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Isaac Martz, 16-25, Penns Twp North'd Co, PA, 1/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0, 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), Isaac Mertz, Swinefords, North'd Co, PA, 4/1, 0/0, 1/0, 1/1, 0/0.
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), Isaac Martz, New Berlin, Union Co, PA, 3/0, 2/1, 2/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0 .
5. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Isaac Martz Esq, New Berlin, Union Co, PA, 10-14M (2), 20-29M (2), 50-59M, 20-29F, 50-59F .
6. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. Isaac Mertz, s/o Niclaus and Catharina, b.10 Mar 1777, bp. 8 May 1777 sp. Peter and Christina Klein.
7. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 8 May 1777. Isaac Mertz b.10 Mar 1777 s/o Niclaus and Catharina baptized. Sponsors: Peter Klein and Christina Klein.
8. Tombstone New Berlin Cemetery, New Berlin, PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Isaac Mertz definitely died in December 1832 (day unreadable) and apparently at age 54 y and 9 m.

Name: **John Mertz (P5a1)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	15 Jun 1801
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1 Mar 1877 Auglaize Co, OH
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Johns Cemetery, Auglaize, OH
Father:	Isaac Mertz (P5a) (1777-1832)
Mother:	Susannah Stahlnecker (1776-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

It is sort of a guess that John was the son of Isaac, there is no smoking-gun proof. Actually for a long time I had a theory that he was the son of Johannes Mertz who moved from Longswamp Township, Berks County to Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County in about 1810 and had a known son John born 1801. But when I was able to track that other John down and he did not go to Ohio, I cast about for a different theory.

Here are a few facts that support the theory that John was the son of Isaac.

It is known that he had lived in Middleburg, PA previous to moving to Ohio. In fact, we're quite sure he was the John Mertz living there in 1830 near Samuel.

His wife was Sarah Harmony and the place where we find people named both Mertz and Harmony in the 1820 Census was New Berlin, PA.

If John was of, let's call it the (now) Snyder County area, then based on his age he was a grandson of either Nicholas or Philip, the two pioneer Mertzes of Snyder County -- Nicholas settled in Middleburg in about 1790, Philip in Freeburg. They are also the part of the Longswamp family for whom the Mertz spelling was retained and it was the Mertz spelling that carried to Ohio (for John, anyway, if not anyone else).

I think I can rule out Philip as his grandfather based on what I know about his sons and if Nicholas was his grandfather, then the best candidate, maybe the only candidate, was Isaac.

John named his first son Isaac. I believe John was Isaac's oldest son and he is designated P5a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE AUGLAIZE, OH MERTZES. A letter to the Snyder County Historical Society on file there alerted me to the fact that a John Mertz (4 Jun 1801-1 Mar 1877) married Sarah Harmony born 23 Oct 1803 and moved to Auglaize County, OH around 1850. All their children were supposedly born in Middleburg including: Benjamin Franklin (1835), James Davis (1837), Archabald T (1830), William, Isaac, Emma Rebecca (1847), Perry and Elizabeth. Indeed the whole family just as the letter writer said was present in the 1850 Census in Auglaize.

1830. John Mertz age 20-30 lived in Middleburg, PA. He was a neighbor of Samuel Mertz. He had 3 sons under age 5, and 1 age 5-10.

1850 Census. John Merty, age 49, lived in Union Township, Auglaize County with Sarah 47, Archabald 20, Franklin 15, James D 13, Elizabeth 8, William 6 and Emma R 4.

John was still present in Auglaize in 1860 and 1870.

The problem is where was John in 1840? One of his descendants believes he may be the John Martz in Norwegian Township, Schuylkill County in 1840. That John was age 30-40 as was his wife. Notably, he had 7 sons including 3 who were age 15-20. I cannot really make those head counts of sons work with what I know about John so I'm not sure this was the right John. However, I don't know who John of Norwegian Township was.

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Discrepancies

The author of that letter identifying this family was Robert E Mertz (born 1918), son of Walter H Mertz (1892), son of Archabald Henry (1867), son of Archabald T.

Over the years, I worked from time to time with descendants of John and Sarah to determine who this John was. I always had a theory about it because his supposed birth date 4 Jun 1801 was so remarkably close to John, about the last Mertz born in Longswamp, who was born 6 Jun 1801 according to church records. One of the reasons I found this theory plausible was that I could not account for John from Longswamp after about 1820.

Later, when another descendant of John of Auglaize joined the Mertz/Martz DNA project, and his DNA proved that the Auglaize family was absolutely descended from the Longswamp Mertz family -- ruling out all the other various unrelated Mertz or Martz families -- I was sure my theory was right. Of course, the DNA only proved descent from John David, it did not actually narrow down in any way which line.

But my whole theory came tumbling down when it became absolutely clear that the John born 6 Jun 1801 in Longswamp moved by 1840 to Jefferson County, PA where he lived out his life.

Once I had determined that John of Auglaize was not John born 1801 in Longswamp who later lived in Mahanoy Township, and I was casting about for a new theory on who John's father was, a long-time correspondent, Mary Mertz, who now lives in Iowa and whose father had submitted the DNA that proved that the Auglaize family was of the Longswamp family, suggested possibly Isaac of Middleburg then New Berlin if for no other reason than Auglaize John had named his first son Isaac.

I came to really like this new theory and it is now what I believe.

Nicholas of Middleburg and Philip of Freeburg were the original two Mertzes who moved from Berks County to what is now Snyder County. I think I know all of the sons of each because Philip left a detailed will and after Nicholas died, there were extensive Orphans Court filings that seemed to name all his children.

The Robert E Mertz who wrote the letter about the Auglaize Mertzes seemed to want to focus on either the sons of Nicholas of Middleburg or Philip of Freeburg as candidates to be John's father. He didn't seem to know the names of Nicholas' sons so in fact focused moreso on Philip's. Since Philip was my line, I pretty much could rule out the possibilities Robert was interested in and I guess my mind wandered away especially focused (erroneously I now believe) on the near coincidence of the birth date of John of Auglaize to the wrong John born in Longswamp. Mary was now bringing me back to consider Nicholas' sons.

The letter writer did say that death records of all of the children of John of Auglaize said each had been born "around Middleburg". I have the death certificate of James Davis Mertz, son of John, and it only says Union County (which it would have been when he was

born) though not specifically Middleburg. But that doesn't rule out Nicholas, in fact keeps him quite alive as the best candidate.

When I was first tracking this man, I found there was a John Mertz living in Middleburg in the 1830 Census who I presumed (and now still believe) was John who would later move to Auglaize. At the time, I hadn't yet located the other John who actually was living in Little Mahanoy Township so I was willing to believe that John of Mahanoy had moved to Middleburg possibly because he knew cousins there.

So everything points to Nicholas of Middleburg as John's grandfather, the next question being which of his sons was John's father? By the way, a strong clue here should have been that the name in Auglaize was spelled Mertz and I have observed many instances where someone moved that Mertz evolved to Martz but I have not seen any instances where Martz evolved back to Mertz. The other John was already spelled Martz once he moved from Longswamp to Mahanoy.

So the ages of some of Nicholas's sons can only be estimated from various documents but I think I have a pretty good idea for all of them.

The three oldest sons, and the only candidates, were Isaac (born 1777), Abraham (1780) and Jacob (1781). All of their birth dates are known from Longswamp Church records and it is clear from Orphans Court filings after Nicholas' death that his other sons were a good bit younger.

Of these three, I could pretty quickly rule out Jacob who I know a lot about and who left a will naming all his children. He had a son John, whose full name was John Aurand Mertz, and John A is accounted for. He did not move to Auglaize.

Let's consider Abraham. By 1830 for sure (and now I know well before that), Abraham had moved to Pickaway County, OH and a neighbor of his in 1830 was John Martz -- probably the John Martz who married Rebecca Bowman in Pickaway in 1827 and also quite probably the John Martz son of Abraham's said to be living in Indiana when Abraham died and a petition was filed regarding his estate. So Abraham, too, had a son John, but I think he is also accounted for.

Isaac is now the last man standing as the single best candidate (and perhaps obvious one since, as Mary says, John named his first son Isaac).

Isaac left no will and there is no other document that I've ever seen that names his children. But because, by 1820, Isaac had moved to New Berlin, I consider him the progenitor of the New Berlin Mertzes and so as I would come across some other younger Mertz with a New Berlin connection, and if I had no other candidate to be their father, I would surmise they were Isaac's son and have come to believe that, in that way, I have identified some of his sons.

In 1800, Isaac lived in Penns Township, Northumberland County. This is the area that eventually would become Snyder County and it included Middleburg at the time, Nicholas, his father, was also living in Penns -- meaning Middleburg per se was not a separate Census area. It would appear that Isaac was already married and had a very young son.

In 1810, Isaac lived in Swinefords -- the old name for Middleburg. He was married presumably and his household included 4 males under 10. Of the 4 sons I have identified that I believe were Isaac's, Samuel and Henry were born prior to 1810, the other two after.

So there is room for two more sons who, assuming they survived, would need to be identified, one of whom absolutely could be Auglaize John.

By 1820, Isaac had moved to New Berlin. Now his household had 7 young males. I know from the death certificate of James Davis Mertz, son of Auglaize John, that John's wife, James' mother, was Sarah Harmony. A check of the 1820 Census for anyone named Harmony living, let's say, near the Susquehanna River finds just two -- both living in New Berlin.

By 1830, John -- who I now believe was the son of Isaac and who would later move to Auglaize, was living in Middleburg. While it would seem he had probably moved to New Berlin with his father, the family still had some ties to Middleburg -- his uncle Samuel for instance was still there. So John appears to have gone back to Middleburg (not a very far distance).

This John in Middleburg had 3 sons age under 5 and 1 slightly older. So the tick marks do not really make sense if we thought it was the other John whose sons Daniel and Elias would both be 5-10. It maybe fits Auglaize John although from what I know his son Isaac would have been the one 5-10 and I only know two additional sons -- Perry Oliver and Archibald — who could be two of the three under 5.

In looking through my files again, I also saw that I have a typed piece of paper titled Auglaize County Democrat (the newspaper). I imagine it was part of what the letter writer sent to the Snyder County Historical Society with his inquiry. It is a summary of John's obituary saying he died 1 March 1877 in Wapakoneta and was 75 years, 8 months, 17 days old. It also says he was born 4 Jun 1801 but isn't it interesting that the age as stated computes to either 12 Jun 1801 or 14 Jun 1801? Take your pick of those.

To summarize.

I now believe the best candidate we have to be the father of John of Auglaize is Isaac, son of Nicholas. But it is just a theory -- there is no smoking gun proof.

Death and Find-a-Grave
John is on find-a-grave. His wife and seven of his children are linked to him.

Known Daughters
His daughters were listed by the letter writer.

Known Sons
His sons were listed by the letter writer and I have found all of them in the 1850 or 1860 Census in Auglaize. All except for Isaac are linked to their parents on find-a-grave.

P5a1a Isaac born 1822
P5a1b Perry Oliver born 1827
P5a1c Archibald Thomas born 1830
P5a1d Benjamin Franklin born 1835
P5a1e James D born 1837
P5a1f John William born 1844

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Spouse: Sarah Harmony
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Birth: 23 Jul 1803
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 11 Apr 1875 Auglaize Co, OH
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)

Parent-Proof
The death certificate of James Davis Mertz says he was born in Union County, son of John Mertz and Sarah Harmony.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Sarah is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. born 6 Jun 1801. Johannes Mertz s/o Johannes and Catharina. Sponsors: Jacob Trexler and Maria Drescher.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Mertz, neighbor of Samuel Mertz, Middleburg, PA, <5M (3), 5-9M, 20-29M, 20-29F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Merty, 49, Union, Auglaize, OH, Sarah 47, Archibald 20, Franklin 15, James D 13, Elizabeth 8, William 6, Emma R 4.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Mertz, 59, Duchouquet, Auglaize, OH, Sarah 55, Elizabeth 18, W 16, Emma 13 (as County Infirmary).
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Meetz, 69, Wapakoneta, Anglaise, OH, Sarah 67, Susannah 16, Christian Snell 32, Caroline Snell 21.

Name: **Isaac Mertz (P5a1a)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: abt 1822
Birth Memo: (age in Census)
Father: John Mertz (P5a1) (1801-1877)
Mother: Sarah Harmony (1803-1875)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Isaac is identified by descendants of John Mertz of Auglaize County as his oldest son. A message board post says he was mentioned in his father's will. His first wife was Eliza and then he married second Jane Allen in 1867.

Isaac is designated P5a1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
As stated in my notes for Isaac's father John, some of the information about John's descendants comes from Mary Lou Clegg. She specifically notes the fact that Isaac is listed in the 1850 Census in Blythe Twp, Schuykill Twp, PA and indeed I have checked and Isaac Mertz is there with people whose names and ages basically match Isaac's 1860 listing in Auglaize County.

It must be the same Isaac, but does this imply the family went to Middleburg, then Schuylkill then Ohio? Or did Isaac do that alone among his family and then caught up them with later?

Isaac married, apparently a second time, in 1867, the widow Jane Allen and in 1870 he lived with her and her children. Then in 1880, he lived with his daughter Susan and her family.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Isaac is not on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Eliza Madara**

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Birth: abt 1826
Marriage: abt 1843

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Isaac Mertz, 28, Blythe, Schuylkill, PA, Eliza 26, Charles 4, Lucretia new born.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Isaac Mertz 38, Union, Auglaize, OH, Eliza 34, Charles J 14, Maria L 10, Ida C 8, Susannah W 7, John N 4, Elizabeth A 4.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Isaac Mertz 43, Union, Auglaize, OH, Jane 41, Leward 9, Bartly 6, Albert 2 + Allen children of Jane's.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Isaak Mertz, 58, Wapakoneta, Auglaize, OH, lived with Susanna Miler 25 and her family.

Name:	**Perry Oliver Mertz (P5a1b)**[1,2]
Birth:	4 Dec 1827
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	19 Apr 1891
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Union Cemetery, Macon Co, IL
Father:	John Mertz (P5a1) (1801-1877)
Mother:	Sarah Harmony (1803-1875)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Descendants of John Mertz of Auglaize say Perry Oliver was his son. He is called Oliver Perry on find-a-grave and linked to John as his father.

He is designated P5a1b.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
He moved to Macon County, IL by 1880 and died there.

Spouse:	**Catherine**
Birth:	abt 1836

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Oliver Mertz 31, Union, Auglaize, OH, Catherine 24, James E 5, Emma 3.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Oliver Mertz, 53, Whitmore, Macon, IL, Catharine 47.

Name: **Archibald Thomas Mertz (P5a1c)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	13 Mar 1830
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	25 Jul 1903
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Johns Cemetery, Auglaize, OH
Father:	John Mertz (P5a1) (1801-1877)
Mother:	Sarah Harmony (1803-1875)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Descendants of John Mertz of Auglaize say Archibald T was his son. He is called Archibald Thomas on find-a-grave and linked to John as his father. Also, he lived with his father in 1850.

He is designated P5a1c.

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Spouse: **Susannah Baughman**

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Birth:	13 Sep 1833
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	20 Sep 1851
Marr Memo:	Ohio Marriages @ Ancestry.com
Death:	31 Jul 1920
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Johns Cemetery, Auglaize, OH

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Archibald Mertz 27, Union, Auglaize, OH, Susannah 25, Sarah B 8, Mary A 6, Elizabeth A 4, John F 2.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Archibal Mertz, 38, Union, Auglaize, OH, Susana 35, Sarah B 17, Mary A 15, Elizabeth A 13, John F 12, Allen F 6, Archibal 3, Margrett 1, Charles Snyder 18.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Archibald Mertz, 50, Union, Auglaize, OH, Susannah 47, Elizabeth 24, John F 22, Elan F 15, Archibald 13, Laura M 7.

Name: **Benjamin Franklin Mertz (P5a1d)**[1,2,3]

Birth:	4 Nov 1835
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	14 Mar 1908
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Rose Hill, Grundy Center, IA
Father:	John Mertz (P5a1) (1801-1877)
Mother:	Sarah Harmony (1803-1875)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Benjamin Franklin as John's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and he is linked to his father on find-a-grave. He is designated P5a1d.

His great-grandson has DNA which exactly matches mine on 12 markers.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
By 1880, he lived in Grundy, IA with wife Amanda 40 and son James 13.

Spouse: **Amanda Klingemann**

Birth:	22 Mar 1839	
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Marriage:	19 Mar 1857	Tama Co, IA
Marr Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	27 Apr 1927	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Rose Hill, Grundy Center, IA	

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benjamin F Mertz, 23, Union Twp Auglaize Co OH, Amanda 21.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Frank Mortz, 35, Buckingham, Tama, IA, Amanda 32, William 10, Elmer 7, Alburtes 3, Emma 11m .
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), F Mertz, 44, Grundy Center, Grundy, IA, Amanda 40, Wm 18, Elmer 15, James 13, Emma 10, Clara 7, Eva 4.

Name: **James Davis Mertz (P5a1e)**[1,2]

Birth:	9 Nov 1837
Birth Memo:	(death certificate)
Death:	17 May 1911[3]
Death Memo:	(death certificate)
Burial:	Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, OH
Father:	John Mertz (P5a1) (1801-1877)
Mother:	Sarah Harmony (1803-1875)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
His death certificate says he was the son of John Mertz and Sarah Harmony and born in Union County, PA. He is designated P5a1e.

Everything I have about the wife and descendants of James Davis Mertz comes from my sixth cousin Janet Mertz, a great-granddaughter of his.

There is an Ohio Marriage record for James Well Mertz to Anne C Birk 7 Jul 1861 (the same day James' brother John William married Wilhelmina Geyer). I don't know why Wells.

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Spouse: **Anna Catherine Birke**

Birth:	1841
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	7 Jul 1861
Marr Memo:	(Ohio Marriages @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	1913
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, OH

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), James Mertz, 32, Liberty, Mercer, OH, Anna 28, John 4, Katie 2.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), James Mertz, 42, Wapakoneta, Auglaize, OH, Anna 38, John 15, Catharina 12, William 6.
3. Vital Record "Death Records," 1908-1953, Ohio, Repository: labs.familysearch.org, dod, dob, name of father and maiden name of mother.

Name: **John William Mertz (P5a1f)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 3 Apr 1844
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 9 Jun 1928
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, OH
Father: John Mertz (P5a1) (1801-1877)
Mother: Sarah Harmony (1803-1875)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know William or John William as John's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He is linked to John as his father on find-a-grave. He is designated P5a1f.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
John William and his wife Philamena are on find-a-grave.

Children Names
Barbara Green sent me this list of their children:

Josephine Sophia Henrietta Mertz Sheridan: DOB 11-27-1882 DOD 7-11-1950
Benjamin Frank Mertz: DOB 11-20-1863 DOD 1896
Frederick Oliver: DOB 9-9-1865 DOD 12-21-1950
Mary Louise Mertz Dixon: DOB 3-19-1867 DOD 4-2-1941
Charles William Mertz: DOB 3-8-1869 DOD 1945
Sarah Catherine Mertz Alberding: DOB 4-6-1871 DOD 7- -1921
Henry O. Mertz: DOB 4-8-1872 DOD 1874
George W. Mertz: DOB 2-5-1874 DOD 1-5-1958
James Albert Mertz: DOB 9-2-1878 DOD 8-17-1966
Emma Rebecca Mertz Wakefield: DOB 4-21-1881 DOD 5- -1978
Jeanette M. Mertz McCall: DOB 5-14-1883 DOD -1961
Harry Mertz: DOB 4-3-1886 DOD 3-14-1970

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Spouse: **Wilhelmina Geyer**

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Birth: 2 Apr 1842
Birth Memo: (age 55y, 6m, 28d per find-a-grave)
Marriage: 7 Oct 1862
Marr Memo: (Auglaize County marriage record) Death: 30 Oct 1899
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, OH

Parent-Proof
She was variously Mena or Philomena in Census but her marriage record says her name was Wilhelmina Geyer. Her tombstone says Philamena and her daughter Josephine named a daughter Philamena. I don't know which version of her name is correct.

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John W Mertz, 27, Union, Auglaize, OH, Merria 26, Josephine 7, Franklin 6, Fredrick 4, Louisa 3, Charles 2, John South 14.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Wm Mertz, 36, Duchouquet, Auglaize, OH, Philomena 35, Joséphine 17, Frank 15, Ferdinand 13, Louisa 12, Charles 10, Catherine 7.

3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), William Mertz, 56, Shawnee, Allen, OH, Josephine 37, James A 21, Emma R 19, Nettie M 17, Harry 13.

Name: **Samuel Mertz (P5a2)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	18 Aug 1802
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	28 Apr 1871
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	New Berlin Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father:	Isaac Mertz (P5a) (1777-1832)
Mother:	Susannah Stahlnecker (1776-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
This Samuel appeared in the 1830 Census. He was not Samuel, the son of Nicholas, as that older Samuel lived in Middleburg. Since this Samuel lived in New Berlin, where Isaac lived, logic would place him as the son of Isaac. When Isaac died intestate, Samuel was appointed as one of three Administrators. I therefore believe that Samuel must have been the son of Isaac.

He is designated P5a2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Samuel was always in New Berlin in Census, 1830-1870.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
In his will dated 11 Apr 1871, he named his wife Margaret, two sons and four daughters. He also made provision for his brother Henry who "has no home ..shall be kept by my children to go to the one he chooses". He also bequeathed $100 to W B Irwin, who "lives with us" when he comes of age, in the meantime to be held by Charles Aurand.

Samuel is on find-a-grave. There was no photo of the tombstone there but I had one of my own I added and then added dates for Samuel.

Known Daughters
The names of Samuel's daughters are known from Census and his will. Amelia, wife of John Shaffer, and Henrietta are documented in both. Margaret and Mary A were listed in Census but were not named in his will. Harriet, wife of Samuel Bower, and Catherine, wife of Samuel Harter, were named in his will but never found with Samuel in Census. It is quite possible that Harriet and Catherine had married and left the household before the 1850 Census, and that Margaret and Mary A died before Samuel -- but it is also possible that one or both of Harriet and/or Catherine are the same as Margaret and/or Mary A, though I doubt it.

Known Sons
William Jackson (P5a2a) was tough to find but I finally did. He had moved to Carroll County, IL in about 1844.

David N (P5a2b2) was named in Samuel's will and lived with his father in the 1850 Census. I believe he is the N D Mertz age 32 living in Beaver Township, Snyder County in 1870. But it is his presence in his brother's household in 1860 with the same occupation, saddler, as given in 1870 that ties everything together.

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Spouse:	**Margaret Kessler**[6]

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Birth:	12 Jan 1803
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Death:	3 Dec 1886
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	New Berlin Cemetery, Union Co, PA

Parent-Proof
A listing of New Berlin Cemetery records listed out by Charles Morgan was found at the Snyder County Historical Society by Valerie Mertz. It was Charles Morgan, apparently, who annotated the information that Margaret, wife of Samuel, was the daughter of Frederick and Catharine Maurer. For a long time, I had no better idea and that's what I was willing to believe. But I now think that is wrong.

The death certificates of both Margaret's oldest daughter Harriett and youngest daughter Henrietta both say their mother was Margaret Kessler. That seems conclusive.

Find-a-Grave
Margaret is on find-a-grave. Since I was the one who had her memorial edited several years ago to add her maiden name Maurer, I set the record straight in 2017 and had it fixed to Kessler.

Sources
1. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Saml Martz, New Berlin, Union Co, PA, 5-9M, 20-29M, <5F (2), 20-29F.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Samuel Mark, New Berlin, Union Co, PA, <5M, 15-19M, 30-39M, 5-9F (2), 10-14F (2), 30-39F .
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Mertz, New Berlin, 47, Margaret 46, Margaret 19, Amelia 16, David 11, Mary 8, Henrietta 4, Henry 45. We know from Samuel's later will that Henry is his brother, who appears to be somewhat dependent upon his family.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel, New Berlin, blacksmith, 57, Margaret 56, Mary 18, Henry 56, Henrietta 14.
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Mertz, New Berlin, 68, Margarett 68, Henrietta 25.
6. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Margarett Mertz, 76, widow, in household of her daughter Henrietta 34 and her husband Charles Aurand. Henry 75 present and the Aurand children: Anna 9, Frank 5, Emily 1.

Name: **William Jackson Mertz (P5a2a)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 1824
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 9 Feb 1889
Death Memo: (obit on find-a-grave dated 16 Feb says he died "last Saturday")
Burial: Oak Hill, Mount Carroll, IL
Father: Samuel Mertz (P5a2) (1802-1871)
Mother: Margaret Kessler (1803-1886)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Samuel Mertz had a son he called William Jackson in one place in his will and then Jackson in another. I tried to find him as an adult and having no better candidate, for a long time I thought he might be the William Mertz who just appears in Selinsgrove in 1860 and who I otherwise didn't know but there were several problems with this theory:

1. From the 1830 and 1840 Census, the only possible tick mark to be William in Samuel's household was born apparently in the early 1820's. William of Selinsgrove was born in 1833.

2. There is no indication of William of Selinsgrove ever being named William J or William Jackson or Jackson.

3. Where was William Jackson in 1850?

When I finally gave up on this initial theory and made a serious attempt to find William Jackson, I did indeed find him. The man I found had made it to Mount Carroll in Carroll County, IL by 1850 and lived all his adult life there. The things that make me now confident this is the right man are:

1. He always went by William J.
2.. He was born in 1824.
3. He said consistently in every Census he was born in PA and in 1880 that both his parents were also born there.
4. In 1860, there was a David Mertz age 23 living in his household. Samuel had a son David who I had never been able to find in 1860.
5. And the clincher is that David's occupation in 1860 was harness maker quite consistent with the occupation he then had once he moved back to PA in time for the 1870 Census.

I found William Jackson, he is designated P5a2a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

William J was consistently listed in 1850-1880 in Mount Carroll always with wife Elizabeth.

In Samuel's will, while William was to get an equal share of Samuel's estate with his siblings, he was first to be charged with $200 plus interest that he owed his father for a loan Samuel made him to pay Polly Maurer. That loan dated to 1860 but what was that all about?

Death and Find-a-Grave

William J Mertz is on find-a-grave, some interesting biographical information is given there.

The three things I found of interest are that he came to Carroll County in 1844 and that he married in 1849 and none of his children were born before 1850 (my cutoff date as to whether I track someone's sons further).

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Spouse:	**Elizabeth A Poffenberger**

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Birth:	17 Feb 1833
Marriage:	1853
Death:	28 Sep 1910
Burial:	Union Cemetery, Selinsgrove, PA

Parent-Proof
She is said to be the daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Schamel) Poffenberger on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Wm J Mertz, blacksmith, age 26, born PA, Mount Carroll, Carroll, IL, Elizabeth 16, Amelia Hofman 26.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Wm J Mertz, 36, Mount Carroll, Carroll, IL, Elizabeth 26, Emma 4, David 23.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William I Mertz, 46, Mount Carroll, Carroll, IL, Elizabeth 35, Emma A 14, Samuel W J 1.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William J Mertz, 56, born PA, Mount Carroll, Carroll, IL, Elizabeth A 45 born MD, Emma M Craig 24.

Name: **David N Mertz (P5a2b)**[1,2,3,4]

Birth:	8 Sep 1838
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	11 Nov 1918
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Freeport City Cemetery, Stephenson Co, IL
Father:	Samuel Mertz (P5a2) (1802-1871)
Mother:	Margaret Kessler (1803-1886)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Samuel named son David N in his will and son David age 11 lived with him in 1850. David is designated P5a2b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
David can be tracked in Census but it is his occupation and names of family members that prove it is always him. In 1860, he lived with his brother, William Jackson, in Carroll County, IL. He was N D Mertz in 1870 in Beaver Township, Snyder County with wife Rebecca and a daughter whose initial was A and a son whose initial was C. In 1880, the family was in Elkhart, IN. He was now David, Rebecca was Rebecca and A was Annie and C was Calvin. Then that whole family is found in 1900 in Illinois when he was again N D.

His occupation in those four successive Census was: harness maker in 1860, 1880 and 1900 and saddler in 1870.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
N D Mertz and wife Rebecca are on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Rebecca**

Birth:	1 Dec 1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	3 Mar 1912
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Freeport City Cemetery, Stephenson Co, IL

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), David Mertz, 23, harness maker, Mount Carroll, Carroll, IL, lives with William J.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), N D Mertz, 32, saddler, Beaver Twp Snyder Co, Rebecca 21 and children only known by their initials and gender: L (f) 4 , A (f) 3, C (m) 1.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), David Mertz, 41, harness maker, Elkhart, Elkhart, IN, Rebecca 31, Anna 14, Calvin 11, Jeanette 9, Albert 7.
4. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), N D Mertz, 61, harness maker, Stockton, Jo Daviess, IL, Rebecca 51, Calvin 31, Olllie 28, Levin 18.

Name: **Israel Mertz (P5a3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	8 Mar 1812 Union County, PA
Birth Memo:	(assuming he was Isaac's twin)
Death:	10 Sep 1866[4]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Riverview Cemetery, North'd, PA
Father:	Isaac Mertz (P5a) (1777-1832)
Mother:	Susannah Stahlnecker (1776-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
A man named Israel Mertz existed. He was buried at Riverview, his tombstone apparently indicates an 1812 birth. He was listed in Census and his age as given was consistent with an 1812 birth. So who was he?

I have taken note of his Old Testament name, such names seemed especially prevalent in Nicholas' line. I have taken note that despite being buried in Riverview, he was listed in Census in Union and then Snyder County. In fact, in 1850 he lived in Union Township, Union County, the area just a little bit east of New Berlin. Because of this circumstantial evidence I always believed that Israel was the son of Isaac.

Isaac had a son Isaac, I believe, born 8 Mar 1812 who died on 28 Mar 1812 and was buried in Hassinger's Old Cemetery, Snyder County, PA. His grave is near his grandmother's in Hassingers and I think this younger Isaac was Isaac's son. Joseph Meiser who transcribed tombstones locally and who attempted to identify people's parents listed Isaac as Isaac's son and said he was born in 1812 and died in 1866. But I think Meiser mixed up the younger Isaac with Israel (who died in 1866). Still, I have always thought that Isaac and Israel might have been twins given their mutual 1812 birth.

Obviously I guessed at a lot of things here, but otherwise I had no idea who Israel was. Still, I always wished I had more proof. In 2018, I found the proof. I found record of a court case filed in 1834 in Union County where Israel Mertz was suing his father Isaac for funds Isaac had been holding for Israel but then apparently refused to return to him. Israel won the case. So Israel was definitely Isaac's son and is designated P5a3.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Israel lived in Union Township, Union County in the 1850 Census. In 1860, he had moved to Monroe Township, Snyder County. This may have been a move of a short distance since Monroe and Union share a long border. He was a shoemaker in both Census, the occupation of his Uncle Samuel.

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Discrepancies
His burial in Riverview seems discordant with the fact that he was last listed in Census in Monroe Township, Snyder County. After his death in 1866, we find his widow Sophia living with their son William and their daughter Louisa in Turbot Township, Northumberland County. But that really doesn't explain things any better, neither place is that close to Riverview and there were cemeteries closer to both places. So, why Riverview?

Known Daughters
I don't know much about his daughters, other than their names: Mary Ann (1839), Susan (1844), Harriet (1852), Louisa (1856) and Elizabeth (1857).

Known Sons
I think I know the names of Israel's sons from Census.

P5a3a John born 1838
P5a3b Isaac born 1841
P5a3c William H born 1842
P5a3d Samuel Frederick born 1845
P5a3e Andrew F born 1848
P5a3f Josiah born 1850

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Spouse: **Sophia Breininger**

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Birth: 1816

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name is known from the death certificates of several of their children.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Israel Mertz, Beaver Twp, Union Co, PA, <5M (2), 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Israel, shoemaker, 38, Union Twp Union Co, PA, Sophia 33, John 12, Mary Ann 11, Isaac 9, William H 7, Susan 6, Samuel F 4, Andrew 2, Josiah 4 months.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Israel, 47, shoemaker, Monroe Twp Snyder Co, Sophia is 44, John 22, Isaac 19, William 17, Susannah 16, Frederick 14, Andrew 12, Josiah 10, Harriet 8, Louis 4, Elizabeth 3.
4. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions "IBID. Meiser. Riverview." Israel is the earliest born Mertz listed in Riverview. b.1812 d.10 Sep 1866.

Name: **John Mertz (P5a3a)**[1,2]

Birth:	11 Jan 1838
Birth Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Death:	21 Apr 1909
Death Memo:	(PA death certificate)
Burial:	Milton Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	Israel Mertz (P5a3) (1812-1866)
Mother:	Sophia Breininger (1816-)
Other spouses:	Katherine J Satteson

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know that Israel had a son John from the 1850 and 1860 Census who was born about 1838 and indeed the death certificate of John Mertz who died in Milton says he was the son of Israel Mertz and Sophia Breininger.

John's wife was Matilda in 1870 and 1880 and then Kate in 1900. When we first meet Kate in the 1900 Census, it seems clear that she is John's second wife (he 62, she 38) and living with John and Kate are apparently three children of Kate's from a previous marriage to Mr. Satteson.

In fact, that is all proven by John's application to marry Katherine which says he was married in 1865 to Matilda Walborn and gave her date of death and that Katherine had been married to George Satteson and he died Oct 1885.

John is designated P5a3a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
He lived in Milton in 1870 and then Turbot Township -- where other family members also lived — in 1880

He then lived in Northumberland Borough in 1900.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
His death certificate says he died in Milton and was to buried in the "upper cemetery" — I'm not sure whether that refers to Harmony or Milton Cemetery.

He is listed on find-a-grave in Milton Cemetery.

Spouse: **Matilda Walborn**

Birth:	abt 1850
Marriage:	abt 1865
Death:	22 Jul 1886

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Mertz, 31, Milton, North'd, PA, Matilda 26.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Mertz, 42, repairman on the railroad, Turbot, North'd, PA Matilda 35, Harry M (F?) 8.

Name: **Isaac Mertz (P5a3b)**[1,2]

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Birth:	9 Jun 1841
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	11 Jun 1921
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Spring Run Brethren Cemetery, McVeytown, PA
Father:	Israel Mertz (P5a3) (1812-1866)
Mother:	Sophia Breininger (1816-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Isaac as the son of Israel from his presence in his father's household n 1850 and 1860. He is designated P5a3b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
1870. Isaac Mertz 28 lived in Turbot Township with wife Kate 23 and daughters Lillie J 3 and Annie L 8 months.

1880. IWhere is Isaac? He lived to 1921. He was in McVeytown by 1900.

But I cannot find any trace of him or most of his family in 1880; only daughter Lilie Jane who lived with her Gemberling grandparents is to be found.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Isaac is on find-a-grave, buried at McVeytown win the same cemetery as two of his brothers.

Known Daughters
Sue Renkert wrote the Snyder County Mertz Surname Board requesting information which I sent her on the family of Isaac and Kate. She cites the obituary of Mary Ellen or Mary Emma Parker b.1 Sep 1875 d.22 Mar 1952 w/o Hiram native of Shamokin Dam d/o Isaac and Katherine Gemberling Mertz. A separate obit of Lillie Jane Brilhart (formerly Waltman) b.25 Oct 1867 d.19 Jun 1955 d/o Isaac and Katherine Mertz. Lillie was the wife of Charles Waltman and William Brilhart. A third sister was Ella Cooper.

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Spouse: **Katherine Gemberling**

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Birth:	abt 1847
Father:	Samuel Gemberling (~1816-)
Mother:	Anne Laudenslager (~1818-)

Parent-Proof
There is an Ancestry World Tree that shows Samuel Gemberling born 1816 married Ann Laudenslager and the list of their children includes daughter Catherine born 1845.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Isaac Martz, 28, Turbot, North'd, PA, Kate 23, Lily I 3, Annie L 8m.

2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Isaac Mertz, 58, McVeytown, Mifflin, PA lives with his brother William and family.

Name: **William H Mertz (P5a3c)**[1,2]

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Birth: 23 Sep 1842
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 31 Jan 1914
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Spring Run Brethren Cemetery, McVeytown, PA
Father: Israel Mertz (P5a3) (1812-1866)
Mother: Sophia Breininger (1816-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know William as the son of Israel from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860 and with his widowed mother in 1870. He is designated P5a3c.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
He moved to McVeytown, Mifflin County in the 1870's.

Death and Find-a-Grave
William H and his wife Margaret are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Margaret Aurand**[3]

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Birth: 26 Aug 1855
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 30 Oct 1873
Death: 15 Oct 1919
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Spring Run Brethren Cemetery, McVeytown, PA

Parent-Proof
Richard Aurand Sherer has told me, based on his Aurand research, that this is the wife of William H Mertz b. 24 Sep 1842. I have matched that William H to the son of Israel Mertz who from the 1850 Census is the right age.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Martz, 27, farm laborer, Turbot Twp North'd Co, Sophia 54, Louisa 13.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Mertz, 32, Oliver, Mifflin, PA, Margaret 25, Arlanda 6, Eva E 4, Anna 2, Nellie 7m.
3. Published Family Histories. "The Aurand(t) Book," Author: Robert Aurand Cody.

Name: **Samuel Frederick Mertz (P5a3d)**[1,2]

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Birth: 25 Dec 1845
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 28 May 1906
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Spring Run Brethren Cemetery, McVeytown, PA
Father: Israel Mertz (P5a3) (1812-1866)
Mother: Sophia Breininger (1816-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Samuel (also known as Frederick) as Israel's son from his presence in his father's household in the 1850 and 1860 Census.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I cannot find him in 1870 or 1880. In 1900, he was in Mifflin County, his wife was Clara who he married in 1888.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Frederick is on find-a-grave, but curiously there is no sign of his wife there.

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Spouse: **Clara Allen**

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Birth: 5 Feb 1855
Birth Memo: (PA death certificates)
Death: 10 Dec 1921
Death Memo: (PA death certificates)

Parent-Proof
Her death certificate says she was the daughter of Gabriel Allen and Sarah Krepps. She was to be buried at Spring Run but is not on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Frederick Merty, 54, Oliver, Mifflin, PA, Clara 45, Annie C 11.

Name: **Andrew Forsyth Mertz (P5a3e)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	22 Apr 1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1 Mar 1920[4]
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Father:	Israel Mertz (P5a3) (1812-1866)
Mother:	Sophia Breininger (1816-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know from the 1850 and 1860 Census that Israel had a son Andrew born in about 1848. The fact that Andrew is also present in Turbot Township in 1870 where his brother William and his mother also established that Andrew had come to the Milton area. So when we find Andrew born Apr 1848 living in Milton, we can be certain he is Israel's son. He is designated P5a3e.

Death and Find-a-Grave

Andrew Forsyth is on find-a-grave as is his wife Sybilla.

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Known Sons

In present day Milton, they've established the Milton Historic Downtown Walking Tour, an exhibit devoted to Milton's history. Several of the exhibits have to do with old-time baseball activities in town and several Mertzes are named in those exhibits.

Harry F Mertz (1870-1933) was the son of Israel's son John. You will find Harry's picture on the Walking Tour as a member of the 1907 league winning baseball team.

Frederick G Mertz was the son of Israel's son Andrew F. He most certainly was the man listed as Fred G Mertz age 39 living in Milton in 1930 with sons Maynard age 17 and Andrew J age 14.

Maynard's and Andy's pictures are on the Walking Tour as they were both softball league officials in 1950 when Milton won the state championships. Andy was President of the league. Their association with softball is not surprising since their father's first cousin was the aforementioned Harry F, member of the 1907 league championship Milton baseball team.

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Spouse: **Sybilla Elizabeth Haunty**

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Birth:	22 Apr 1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	abt 1878
Death:	1 Mar 1920
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Andrew Mertz, 18, farm laborer, Turbot Twp, living on the farm of unrelated (I think) people.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Andrew Mertz, 31, farm hand, Turbot Twp, Sivilla 25, Francis 5, Maggie M 1.

3. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Andrew F Mertz, 61, puddler iron mill, Milton, Savila 55, Margaret 31, Frederick G 19, Arthur S 17.

4. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Transcription.

Name: **Josiah Mertz (P5a3f)**[1]

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Birth: 1850
Father: Israel Mertz (P5a3) (1812-1866)
Mother: Sophia Breininger (1816-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Josiah as the son of Israel from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He is designated P5a3f.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I can find Josiah in 1870 and then I lose all track of him.

Death and Find-a-Grave
I cannot find Josiah on find-a-grave. There are two of them born in 1849 there but neither is the right Josiah.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Josiah Mertz, 19, lives with John and Eliza Libby (?) 43 in East Buffalo Twp.

Name: **George Mertz (P5a4)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 20 Mar 1816
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 23 Mar 1884
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Beech Grove Cemetery, Pulaski Co, IL
Father: Isaac Mertz (P5a) (1777-1832)
Mother: Susannah Stahlnecker (1776-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

George Mertz was Mayor of Mound City in Pulaski County, IL when the History of Alexander, Union and Pulaski Counties, Illinois was published in 1883. Normally I don't put much stock in what such county histories say, they often were wrong, but in this case I have to believe since George was such a prominent person, they must have gotten their facts directly from him.

His biography says he was born 20 Mar 1815 in New Berlin, PA, son of Hon. Isaac Mertz and Susan (Stahlnecker) Mertz.

I did not previously know that Isaac had a son named George but I did think he may have had sons I never knew about and while I did know that Isaac's wife was Susannah, I did not previously know her maiden name. The Stahlnecker name though rang a bell as there was a Mary Mertz born 1792 who married Andrew Stahlencker and my best candidate to be her was Isaac's sister Polly. The validity of each supposition is supported by the other.

George is designated P5a4.

In 2017, I heard from Anna Peeler who wrote:

George Mertz [of Mound City], was probably a close friend of my husband's relative, George Stoltz (1832-1892), who was also a businessman in Mound City during the middle and later part of the 19th century. Their burial plots are near one another in Beech Grove and their names appear as signatories on documents, the most significant one to me is the request for the Pulaski County Court to administer the estate of Casper Keisker who was probably my husband's great great grandfather. When I read deed books in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, I found that George Mertz' name kept coming up. He would either be listed as an agent or as a seller or a buyer on deeds that George Stoltz or his mother-in-law, Anna Keisker, were party to, or he was listed on other buy/sell property transactions about the same time in the same deed book.

I write this because I think [anyone interested in George Martz] might be interested in those property records in the library in Salt Lake City. [These would also be available on microfilm at any Family History Center.]

Relocated and Census Tracking

I am certain that George Mertz in Pulaski County staring in 1860 is this George and am also sure that George Mertz in Cincinnati in 1850 is also. I don't know where he was in 1840, I don't think he was living at home.

There is a man indexed by Ancestry.com as George Mertz in the 1830 Census. Someone has proposed a correction that it is George Mutz and it does look more like Mutz if that was even a name. This man lived in Beaver Township, Union County where the only other Mertz

of that place was Israel Mertz, brother of George of Mound City. But I have concluded that George in Beaver Township was the cousin of Mound City George.

When cousin George married in 1839, he was said to be of Beaver Township and for sure cousin George already had a son before 1840, consistent with that Census listing. My feeling is that Mound City George may already have been moving west when he met his wife and their oldest child I know of was born after 1840. Moreover, the age is wrong — George of Mound City was 25, George of Beaver Township 30-39, just right for cousin George. Also, the Pulaski County biography of George, while not specific as to when he married, doesn't seem to be compatible with the idea he was already married with two young children by 1840.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
George was not on find-a-grave as of winter 2016. Curiously, his wife is there, but no photo. I think someone posted her memorial from her obituary and a visit to the cemetery would find George and Mary together.

So I posted a photo request for Mary and the wonderful lady, Alethea England, who went and found Mary also found George and several of their children.

His tombstone clearly shows a birth date of 20 Mar 1816, in conflict with the county history biography which says 20 Mar 1815. I have no idea which is correct but I have gone with the tombstone.

Known Sons
He had two sons born before the 1850 Census:

P5a4a Henry C born 1843
P5a4b George born 1847

From his biography and later Census, there was also Charles born 1851 who I have not bothered to track.

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Spouse:	**Mary A West**
Birth:	17 Apr 1817
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	16 Oct 1905
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Beech Grove Cemetery, Pulaski Co, IL

Find-a-Grave
Her obituary from The Cairo Citizen of 20 Oct 1905 is on find-a-grave.

"Grandma Mary Mertz.

Mrs. Mary A. Mertz, relict of Judge George W. Mertz (for several years deceased), died at her home in this city on Monday, October 16th, 1905, at the advanced age of nearly 89 years.

Deceased was a native of the east, Maryland, and her maiden name was West. She resided, was reared and educated in the state of her nativity until after her marriage.

The couple immigrated to Mound City when this entire section was hardly more than a dense wilderness — 57 years ago.

Her passing most assuredly removes a veritable landmark.

Four children were born to the twain. Three of these, Capt. George E. and Charles Mertz, of this city and Harry Mertz, of Carbondale, survive the venerable subject of this brief sketch. An unmarried daughter, Miss Ida M. Mertz, departed this sphere of existence in Mound City about eighteen years ago.

Mrs. Mertz left ten grandchildren, namely: Mrs. Charles Wehrenberg, Jr., Willie Mertz, Mrs. Will S. Sanderson, of this city and Mrs. Robert H. Newnhouse, of Fulton, Ky., children of George E. Mertz; Albert, Joe S. and Miss Allie, of Mound City, children of Charles W. Mertz; Misses Bertie and Dora of Carbondale and George of Ashley, Ill., children of Harry Mertz. She also left seven great-grandchildren —the four children of Charles Wehrenberg, Jr., the one of Will S. Sanderson and the two of Willie Mertz.

The deceased was a lady of bright intellect, unusual strength of character, charitable disposition and consequent popularity."

(William S. Sanderson married Jessie Mae Mertz on 22 Jul 1900, in Pulaski Co., Ill.)

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Geo Mertz, 36, Cincinnati Ward 4, Hamilton, OH, Mary A 35, Geo 5, Henry C 7.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Mertz, 45, Mound City, Pulaski, IL, Mary 42, Henry 17, George 15, Charles 9, Ida 2.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George Mertz, 50, Mound City, Pulaski, IL, Mary 45, Ida 11, Anna Henderson 26.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George Mertz, 66, Mound City, Pulaski, IL, Mary 54.

Name: **Henry Mertz (P5a4a)**[1,2]

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Birth:	1843
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	24 Nov 1925
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Oakland Cemetery, Carbondale, IL
Father:	George Mertz (P5a4) (1815-)
Mother:	Mary A West (1817-1905)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Henry (Harry) as a son of George from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860, from the biography of his father and from the obituary of his mother. He is designated P5a4a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Henry and his wife Elnora as on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Maria Elnora Boren**

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Birth:	1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	18 Aug 1868
Marr Memo:	(Illinois Marriage Index @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	2 May 1918
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Oakland Cemetery, Carbondale, IL

Parent-Proof
She was the daughter of Hiram and Mariah (Chapman) Boren per her death record posted on her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry Mertz, 26, Mound City, Pulaski, IL, Elnora 21, Frank 1m, Harriett Cooney 40, Marion Cooney 20.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), H C Mertz, 38, Carbondale, Jackson, IL, M E 31, Dora L 8, George W 6, Bertie Barr 3.

Name: **George Edward Mertz (P5a4b)**[1,2]

Birth:	1 Aug 1847
Birth Memo:	(IL Deaths @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	1 Feb 1920
Death Memo:	(IL Deaths @ Ancestry.com)
Burial:	Beech Grove Cemetery, Pulaski Co, IL
Father:	George Mertz (P5a4) (1816-1884)
Mother:	Mary A West (1817-1905)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know George E as a son of George from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860, from the biography of his father and from the obituary of his mother. He is designated P5a4b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
His death record said he was to be buried at Beech Grove where his mother, father and wife are also buried. When Alethea England went out to take photos (after my formal photo request on find-a-grave), she found that in the family plot there is a row with the graves of Susie E Mertz (wife of this George), Charles whose tombstone says he was the son of Geo E and S Mertz and who must have died young and was never listed on Census, and then a small stone with nothing but the initials G E M.

It is possible of course that that small stone is a marker for the father who is named on the large nearby obelisk but all logic suggests that marker is for the son, George.

Spouse: **Susan E Hawley**

Birth:	25 Jan 1855
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	23 Feb 1876
Marr Memo:	(IL Marriages 1860-1920 on Ancestry.com)
Death:	29 May 1888
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Beech Grove Cemetery, Pulaski Co, IL

Find-a-Grave
She is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George Mertz, 21, Mound City, Pulaski, IL.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Geo E Mertz, 33, Mound City, Pulaski, IL, Susan 25, Mary Ida 3, William 1.

Name: **Abraham Martz (P5b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	3 Feb 1780 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(Longswamp baptism record)
Death:	13 May 1838[4,5]
Death Memo:	(DAR cemetery transcription)
Burial:	Old Cemetery, Zane's Trace, Salt Creek Twp, Pickaway Co, OH
Father:	Nicholas Mertz (P5) (1748-1801)
Mother:	Catharina Cleaver (1754-1825)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Abraham is known as the son of Nicholas and Catharina from his 26 Mar 1780 baptism at Longswamp Reformed which said he was born 3 Feb 1780. He was mentioned too in Orphans Court records after his father's death.

But then for awhile I couldn't account for him. There was an Abraham in early Census listings in the Snyder County area but I always assumed that was Philip's son of the same name.

But then, while doing research on Abraham's brother, Peter, who I had begun to suspect had ended up in Indiana, I learned there was evidence of an Abraham Martz living in Pickaway County, Ohio in 1830, the very place that Indiana Peter was said to have married. Could it be that both Abraham and Peter went to Pickaway, Peter moved on and Abraham stayed? My conclusion was, indeed, that is what happened -- Abraham, son of Nicholas, must have moved to Ohio.

And then my conclusion was confirmed when I met an email cousin, Mary Lou Clegg, who tipped me off that there is a cemetery transcription of Pickaway County which gives Abraham's birth date exactly matching the known birth date for Abraham of Longswamp, son of Nicholas.

Abraham is designated P5b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
THE PICKAWAY COUNTY MERTZES. Even though I knew him as a son of Nicholas, he never showed up in Census in or near Middleburg.

I first found Abraham in Census in 1830 in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County. He was age 50-60. An immediate neighbor was John Martz age 20-30, his son.

Hannah Marts, wife of Eric, a descendent of Peter of Indiana, though, brought to my attention that Abraham was in the same place in 1820, indexed as Abraham March. She has examined the names of some of his neighbors and finds a commonality between them from 1820 to 1830.

Peter married in Pickaway County in 1809 so my strong suspicion is both Abraham and Peter were listed in the 1810 Census in Pickaway County -- but most of Ohio has been lost for 1810.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
On LDS film 1859782 there are several Pickaway County cemetery transcriptions. The tombstones for Abraham Merts and wife Catharina are listed twice in this collection. In one

place it is transcribed born Feb 3, 1780 died May 31, 1838 age 58-3-10. In a different place, it is transcribed born Feb 1780 died May 31, 1838 age 58-3-10. The problem is that the arithmetic using the date of death and age indicates a birth date of 21 Feb 1780. The best solution in my mind, given that I believe we can confirm 3 Feb 1780 as his birth date (from church records) is to think the date of death was transcribed in error and was in fact 13 May 1838. I have gone with that.

Abraham is on find-a-grave — 3 Feb 1780 - 31 May (no year given).

Known Daughters
Hannah Marts sent me this record from Partition Record I (1836-1845) located in the Common Pleas Court (Clerk of the Courts Office) at the court house at Circleville, OH.

4-18-1840 - Charles SHOEMAKER and others vs. Catharine MARTZ and others. Petition for Partition. Filed 1-5-1839. Land, NE1/2 Section 5, Township 11, Range 20 (M.S.), also 102 acres and 491 poles NWP same Section, Twp. and Range.

Abraham MARTZ, dec'd, died intestate. Widow, Catharine Martz, entitled to dower. Children: John Martz of Indiana; Polly wife of Samuel Spangler of Fairfield Co., Ohio; Samuel Martz of Pickaway Co.; Susannah Martz of Pickaway Co.; Catharine, dec'd, late wife of Abraham Casner, her children—Leah, Elizabeth and Catharine Casner all of Indiana;——(first name not given) Shoemaker, dec'd, her children—Charles, Sophia, Joseph, Jacob and Holly Shoemaker, minors of Pickaway Co. by Daniel Shoemaker their guardian.

I found record of the marriage of Sophia Martz to David Shoemaker 14 Mar 1818 in Pickaway, so I assume she was Abraham's (first name not given) daughter.

Known Sons
The partition petition named two sons: John Martz of Indiana and Samuel Martz of Pickaway County, P5b1 and P5b2 respectively.

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Spouse:	**Catharina Elizabeth Harmon**[6]

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Birth:	8 Apr 1782
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Death:	5 Apr 1842
Death Memo:	(DAR cemetery transcription)
Burial:	Old Cemetery, Zane's Trace, Salt Creek Twp, Pickaway Co, OH

Parent-Proof
I found a biography of Daniel R Shoemaker in Portrait and Biographical Record of Allen and Van Wert Counties, OH.

It says his wife Sophia was the daughter of Abraham (of Pickaway County) and wife Kate (Harmon) Martz. Kate was the daughter of John who lived to 104.

Find-a-Grave
Her birth and death dates are known from a cemetery transcription of Pickaway County cemeteries. As of winter 2016, she is not on find-a-grave.

Sources

1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 26 Mar 1780. Abraham Mertz b. 3 Feb 1780 s/o Niclaus and Catharina baptized. Sponsors: Johannes Mertz and Margretha. Johannes is Nicholas' brother.

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), Abraham March, Salt Creek Twp, Pickaway Co, OH, 0/1, 1/1, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.

3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abraham Martz, Salt Creek Twp, Pickaway Co, OH, 5-9M, 50-59M, 5-9F, 40-49F.

4. E-mail Author: Mary Lou Clegg, "Auglaize Co, OH Mertzes," Mary Lou Clegg has told me that a cemetery transcription of Pickaway County, OH includes the tombstone for Abraham Mertz died 31 May 1838 age 58y 3m 28d [3 Feb 1780].

5. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Repository: findagrave.com, Postings of a huge number of tombstone transcriptions across the country, Abraham Mertz, Tarlton Cemetery, Pickaway County. Says b.3 Feb 1790, d.31 May, but the photo there looks in agreement with the more complete transcription I have seen elsewhere .

6. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Cathaine Marty, Salt Creek Twp, Pickaway Co, OH, 15-19M, 5-9F, 15-19F, 50-59F.

Name: **John Martz (P5b1)**[1,2]

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Birth:	abt 1809
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	17 Nov 1849
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St James Lutheran, Montgomery Co, IN
Father:	Abraham Martz (P5b) (1780-1838)
Mother:	Catharina Elizabeth Harmon (1782-1842)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
John Martz was a neighbor of Abraham's in the 1830 Census. From his age, it seemed likely this was a father and son living near each other. A land partition petition filed after Abraham's death, said he had a son John then living in Indiana.

There is a record of the 1827 marriage of John Martz and Rebecca Bowman of Pickaway County. I believe they were the John and Rebecca Martz who both died in 1849 and are buried in Montgomery County, IN leaving oldest son William born about 1828. The pieces fit together neatly.

John is designated P5b1.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1830, John was a neighbor of his father. In 1840, the best candidate to be John, who was supposed to be in Indiana by then, was John Marts of Montgomery County, IN.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Bette Gardner tipped me off to the find-a-grave memorials for John and Rebecca Martz, buried in Montgomery County, IN. They both died in 1849.

It is the fact that his wife was Rebecca that ties everything together because there was a marriage record in Pickaway County that John Martz married Rebecca Bowman in 1827.

So I believe I have traced John from Pickaway to Montgomery County, IN using all the available clues.

Known Daughters
John and his wife both died in 1849. They had been living in Montgomery County, IN and from the 1840 Census we know had any number of children, both boys and girls.

So the household headed by William Martz in 1850, 22 years old, living with his wife Sarah 18 and Abraham 12, Isaac 8 and Jacob 8 always seemed like it just had to be the "remnant" household of some of (?) John and Rebecca's children. There were a couple of additional young Martzes — John with the Mullen family and Lydia with Gaskill — living in the same county who I also initially guessed were two more of John's children.

This all was proven when Bette Gardner found that Samuel Martz was appointed guardian in January 1850 for the minor children of John: Lydia and Catherine above the age of 14 and Abraham, Jacob and Isaac all under 14. And in 1852, Samuel resigned as guardian for John and Willam Mullen was appointed in his place.

That accounted for all the children I thought must be John's except William — who was old enough not to need a guardian — and added Catherine to the list. But why hadn't I found her in the 1850 Census, albeit likely living with another family?

The answer is she was there, her name misspelled March. She was living with Archibald and Catherine Flaningam. Bette Gardner knew that Archibald's wife was actually Catherine (Kashner) Flaningam — daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Martz) Kashner who was none other than the daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Harmon) Martz, parents also of Samuel and John Martz. All one big happy family.

And then I was able to find her buried in the same cemetery as her parents, the wife of John Francis.

Now knowing more about Catherine than we did Lydia, Bette went and found Lydia buried in a different Darlington, IN cemetery (the one where her uncle Samuel is buried) with her husband Robert A Craig.

Known Sons
John's sons were William, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and John.

Isaac is buried in the same cemetery as his parents. It looks like he may have died in the Civil War, 21 years old. He is not designated.

I lose track of William after 1860 but he is designated and tracked at least that far.

And then Abraham, Jacob and John are designated and tracked fully.

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Spouse:	**Rebecca Bowman**	
Birth:	9 Nov 1808	
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Marriage:	8 Jul 1827	Pickaway Co, OH
Death:	29 Oct 1849	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	St James Lutheran, Montgomery Co, IN	

Parent-Proof
The marriage of John Martz and Rebecca Bowman is documented in an index compiled by the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Sources
1. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Martz, Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, OH, <5M, 20-29M, 20-29F.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Marts, Franklin Twp, Montgomery Co, IN, <5M, 10-14M, 30-39M, 5-9F (3), 30-39F.

Name: **William Martz (P5b1a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1828
Birth Memo: (age in Census)
Father: John Martz (P5b1) (~1809-1849)
Mother: Rebecca Bowman (1808-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I believe the John and Rebecca Martz who died in 1849 and were buried in Montgomery County, IN were the same John and Rebecca who married in 1827 in Pickaway County, OH. From the 1840 Census, it is clear they had a family and I believe the remnants of some of their family were still living in Montgomery County in 1850. The household was headed by the very young William Martz born 1828. Besides his wife, we also find Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Martz, ages 12, 8 and 8 respectively.

In 1850, Samuel Martz (John's bother) was appointed guardian of John's minor children including sons Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — proving that William too (older so not needing a guardian) must also have been John's son.

William is designated P5b1a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

In 1860, he was still in Montgomery County with wife Sarah and now a daughter Amanda R. Age 8 and then I lose track of him.

Death and Find-a-Grave

I see no signs of William on find-a-grave as of autumn 2021.

Know Daughters

Daughter Amanda married Abraham Kashner in 1867 and apparently died in 1868, both her marriage and her death at a very young age.

The name Abraham Kashner appeared earlier in my research into the family of Abraham and Catherine (Harmon) Martz, he was named as the husband of their deceased daughter Catharine in the 1840 petition to partition Abraham's land. After his wife died, Abraham married again and by his second wife had a son Abraham — the one who married Amanda R Martz.

Amanda was the first cousin once removed to Catherine (Kashner) Flaningam who was the half-sister of Amanda's husband.

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Spouse: **Sarah Cunningham**

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Marriage: 15 Jan 1850
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 22, Franklin, Montgomery Co, IN, Sarah 18, Abraham 12, Isaac 8, Jacob 8.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Marts, 31, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Sarah 28, Amanda R 8, Abriham 22, Isac 19, Jacob 19.

Name: **Abraham Martz (P5b1b)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1838
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1883
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Russell City Cemetery, Russell, KS
Father: John Martz (P5b1) (~1809-1849)
Mother: Rebecca Bowman (1808-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Abraham as William's brother from the 1850 and 1860 Census and all logic suggests they were sons of John. Abraham is designated P5b1b.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
He had moved to Kansas by 1880.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Abraham is on find-a-grave, buried in Kansas, his wife is buried in Missouri.

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Spouse: **Edith Tyson**

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Birth: 1845
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 27 Oct 1906
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Cecil Cemetery, Roseland, MO

Parent-Proof
She was the daughter of Josiah Tyson per her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abraham Marts, 32, Sugar Creek, Montgomery, IN, Edith 25, Isaac 6, John 4, Franklin 2, Harry 9m.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Abraham Martz, 42, Victor, Osborne, KS, Eda 38, Isaac 14, John 13, Benjamin 11, George 9, Emily 8, Adeline 6, Samuel 3.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P5b1c)**[1]

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Birth: 15 Sep 1841
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 17 Sep 1906
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St James Lutheran, Montgomery Co, IN
Father: John Martz (P5b1) (~1809-1849)
Mother: Rebecca Bowman (1808-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Jacob as William's brother from the 1850 and 1860 Census and all logic suggests they were sons of John. Jacob is designated P5b1c.

Jacob and Isaac would appear to have been born two months apart and interestingly they were both reported as age 8 in 1850 and age 19 in 1860. I wonder if the date of birth for one or the other is wrong and perhaps they were twins.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
He lived with his brother William in 1850 and 1860 and on his own in 1880.

Death and Find-a-Grave
He and his wife are on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Elizabeth Price**

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Birth: 1843
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 19 Mar 1868
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriage Index 1800-1941 on ancestry.com)
Death: 1888
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St James Lutheran, Montgomery Co, IN

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name is on her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 38, Shannondale, Montgomery, IN, Elizabeth 37, William 11, Charles 9, Malinda 4.

Name: **John Martz (P5b1d)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 17 February 1845
Memo: (Indiana Death Certificate on Ancestry.com)
Death: 22 June 1925
Memo: (Indiana Death Certificate on Ancestry.com)
Burial: St James Lutheran, Montgomery Co, IN
Father: John Martz (P5b1) (~1809-1849)
Mother: Rebecca Bowman (1808-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

From his presence in the 1850 Census, age 5, living with the Mullen family in Montgomery County, IN, a guess was that he might be a son of John and Rebecca (Bowman) Martz who died there in 1849. But if he was, why wasn't he living with the rest of his siblings all living together with oldest brother William?

I don't know the answer to that question but I do know that he indeed was the son of John and Rebecca because when he married second late in life, on 11 Nov 1922 to Emma D Stewart, his marriage registration form said he was born in Montgomery County the son of John and Rebecca (Bowman) Martz. That form gave his birth date as 17 Feb 1854 — but I think 1854 was mis-transcribed (or maybe mis-forgotten) and it really was 17 Feb 1845.

John is designated P5b1d.

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Spouse: **Mary E Faust**

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Birth: 1850
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 19 January 1869
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriage Index 1800-1941 on ancestry.com)
Death: 1 June 1918)
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St James Lutheran, Montgomery Co, IN

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 5, l/w Mullen family, Frankln, Montgomery, IN.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Marts, 18, l/w Mullen family, Franklin, Montgomery, IN.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Marts, 25, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary 19, Anna A 7 months.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 35, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary, 30, Annie A 10, Roas E 8, Alma C 6, Carrie M 4, Alonzo M 7 months.

Name: **Samuel Marts (P5b2)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 19 Jun 1821
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 3 Nov 1894
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN
Father: Abraham Martz (P5b) (1780-1838)
Mother: Catharina Elizabeth Harmon (1782-1842)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Abraham had a son Samuel. That is known from the land partition. But when I couldn't immediately find him in the 1850 Census, I was about to conclude he either died young or had become untraceable when I happened upon a find-a-grave memorial for him while looking for a different Samuel.

He is buried in Montgomery County, Indiana, the same place where his brother John had moved by 1840. Knowing that I did find him in 1850, his name mis-transcribed as Samuel March and then he was in Montgomery County thereafter.

Moreover, in January 1850, he was named the guardian for all of John's minor children

He is designated P5b2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Samuel Marts is indeed on find-a-grave. But when I first found him, his memorial only showed the dates 1821-1847, seemingly consistent with the fact that I was unable to find him in the 1850 Census, and I was about to close the book on him but I happened to notice there was an obituary there for him posted by someone else.

It said:

1.) He was born 19 Jun 1821 in Pickaway County,
2.) He married Mary A Baker in 1843,
3.) In Oct 1848, he came to Montgomery County
4.) He died there 3 Nov 1894

Known Sons
From Census, Samuel apparently had four sons:

P5b2a Jerome B born 1844
P5b2b William H born 1847
P5b2c Chauncey N born 1850
P5b2d Otis B born 1853

Samuel and all his sons are buried in the same cemetery.

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Spouse: **Mary A Baker**

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Birth: 1824

Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1890
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel March 26, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary A 24, Jerome 5, William H 2, Chauncey newborn

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts 38, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary A 36, Jerome 15, William H 13, Chauncy 10, Otis B 6.

3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 47, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary 46, Chaney L 20, Otter R 16, Mary A 10.

4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 58, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary 56, Chancy N 30, Mary A 19.

Name: **Jerome B Marts (P5b2a)**[1]

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Birth: 1844
Death: 1926
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN
Father: Samuel Marts (P5b2) (1821-1894)
Mother: Mary A Baker (1824-1890)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Jerome from his presence in his father's household in 1860. He is designated P5b2a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Jerome stayed in Montgomery County.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Jerome is on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jerome B Marts, 36, Union, Montgomery, IN, Eliza A 34, Mary E 13, Pery F 11.

Name: **William H Marts (P5b2b)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1847
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1924
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN
Father: Samuel Marts (P5b2) (1821-1894)
Mother: Mary A Baker (1824-1890)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know William from his presence in his father's household in 1860. He is designated P5b2b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
William stayed in Montgomery County.

Death and Find-a-Grave
William is on find-a-grave.

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Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Martz, 22, Franklin., Montgomery, IN, Charlotte 18.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Martz, 32, Shannondale, Montgomery, OH, Charlotte 28, Ashby E 7, Anna J 4 lives with Price in-laws.

Name: **Chauncey N Marts (P5b2c)**

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Birth: 8 Apr 1850
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 8 Aug 1934
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN
Father: Samuel Marts (P5b2) (1821-1894)
Mother: Mary A Baker (1824-1890)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Chauncey from his presence in his father's household in 1860 to 1880. Since he had not yet lived on his own by 1880, technically he does not meet my criteria to be actually given a designation code. But in his case, he is so easy to track that I have designated him P5b2c.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Chauncey stayed in Montgomery County.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Chauncey is on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Mary Emma Lamb**

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Birth: 18 Oct 1857
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 15 Jul 1941
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name is known from her death certificate, she was the daughter of Augustus Lamb and Elizabeth Dodd.

Name: **Otis B Marts (P5b2d)**[1]

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Birth: 13 Jan 1853
Birth Memo: (IN Death Certificate)
Death: 9 May 1932
Death Memo: (IN Death Certificate)
Burial: Darlington Odd Fellows, Darlington, IN
Father: Samuel Marts (P5b2) (1821-1894)
Mother: Mary A Baker (1824-1890)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Otis from his presence in his father's household in 1860 and 1870. Since he was born after 1850, technically he does not meet my criteria to be actually given a designation code. But in his case, he is so easy to track that I have designated him P5b2d.

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Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Otis B Marts, 26, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Mary 19.

Name: **Jacob Mertz (P5c)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

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Birth:	4 Dec 1781	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	5 Apr 1859[8]	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA	
Father:	Nicholas Mertz (P5) (1748-1801)	
Mother:	Catharina Cleaver (1754-1825)	
Other spouses:	Elizabeth Sterner	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I know Jacob from his 30 Mar 1782 baptism at Longswamp Reformed Church. No birth date was given in the record but it was clear that 30 Mar was the baptism date, so Jacob was born, typically, a few months earlier.

Jacob was named by his brother Isaac as a son of Nicholas in his petition to have Nicholas' land partitioned. The court felt it could not be partitioned so should be sold and Jacob stepped up and bought it.

Jacob is designated P5c.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE LEWISBURG MERTZES. I first began to put the life history of this Jacob together after Valerie Mertz (the wife of a descendant of his, though we didn't know that at the time) brought to my attention that a Jacob Mertz was buried in Lewisburg Cemetery, with a very large and impressive monument and apparently with quite a number of descendants also buried nearby him in Lewisburg. From his tombstone we learned he was born 4 Dec 1781.

From Census, we learned that he first appeared in the Lewisburg area by 1820 and was most likely the same Jacob Mertz who lived in Freeburg in 1810. The conclusion we reached was that he was the same Jacob Mertz baptized (with no birth date stated) by Nicholas and Catharina 30 Mar 1782 at Longswamp Reformed. Jacob bought his Buffalo Township farm from Daniel Nyhart 4 May 1822, per the history of Union County as told in the History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys.

A genealogy friend of mine is Richard Aurand Sherer and based on his Aurand files, he told me that Jacob's wife was Mary Catharine Aurand. Since Richard's Aurands were from East Buffalo Township, I couldn't immediately figure out how Jacob of Middleburg came to marry Catharine of East Buffalo, but it turns out that Catharine's father George died in Middleburg. In the 1810 Census in Swineford's -- basically just one page of households -- there was George Aurand, Nicholas' widow Catharine and oldest son Isaac.

This also provided additional evidence that Jacob was indeed the son of Nicholas. Each piece of evidence strengthened the other.

There were other Jacob Mertzes around, of course, but the others tended to stay in (what is still) Northumberland County or moved further away, so this one was generally apart from them and doesn't get confused with them.

Jacob was first listed in 1810 in Freeburg and then in 1820-1850 in Buffalo or East Buffalo Township, Union County. In 1850, he lived with Elizabeth, age 54, apparently his wife. This was confusing at first because I knew his wife as Catherine. Then I found record that the

wife of Nathan Sterner (died 1829) was named Elizabeth Mertz and a death notice in Annals of Buffalo Valley gave the same death date for Mrs. Elizabeth Mertz. The explanation: Jacob married second Elizabeth, widow of Nathan Sterner. The marriage was dated 7 Sep 1843.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob wrote his will the 21st day of April 1855. He bequeathed $525 and certain personal property to his wife Elizabeth who he married 7 Sept 1843. He bequeathed $20 each to unmarried daughters Barbara, Mary and Sarah so they can buy a bed and bedding, assuming they are still unmarried at the time of his death.

He mentioned his deceased son Jacob and stated he had already paid him considerably in his lifetime so his heirs were to have no further claim on the estate.

He divided the remainder of his estate into ten shares for his ten children: daughters Elizabeth (deceased, w/o David Smith), Rebecca (w/o Jacob Vandergriff), Catherine (w/o Peter Aurand), Susan, Barbara, Mary and Sarah; and sons John A, Henry and Peter.

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

Known Daughters
The Commemorative Biographical Record of Union County tells us a little more about Jacob's daughters. It said daughters Barbara and Susan died unmarried. Mary married Henry Hawes and died in Lewisburg. Catherine married Peter Aurand and died in Lewisburg. Elizabeth married David Smith and died in East Buffalo Township. Mrs. Peggie Vandergrift died in Milton and Mrs. Sarah Fetter died in Illinois.

Known Sons
The Commemorative Biographical Record of Union County says that Jacob came from Berks County (well yes, he was born there) and was a farmer and a distiller. It tells us a little more about his sons: Jacob pre-deceased his father, John died in Lewisburg, Peter moved to Kansas and Henry lived locally. These names agree with Jacob's will.

I know nothing more about the son Jacob who pre-deceased his father. He may be the Jacob Hails in Lewisburg in 1840. He and his wife were both 20-29 and they had a son and daughter both age 0-4. His father's will made reference to heirs but I do not know who they were.

Jacob (Sr.)'s other three sons are designated.

P5c1 John Aurand (17 Jul 1814-14 Nov 1879)
P5c2 Henry (24 Feb 1816-26 Nov 1889)
P5c3 Peter (abt 1832-)

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Spouse:	**Mary Catharine Aurand**[9,10]

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Birth:	13 Feb 1786
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	abt 1810

Marr Memo: (Daughter Elizabeth born 1811)
Death: 2 Sep 1842[11]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father: George Aurand (-<1850)
Mother: Mary Barbara Person

Parent-Proof
Jacob first married Mary Catharine Aurand, daughter of George Aurand, about 1810.

The will of George Aurand of Middleburg written in 1849 proved in 1850 mentioned daughter Catherine, deceased wife of Jacob Mertz.

Sources
1. Published Book. Author: Compiled, 1898, "Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania," Repository: LDS Film 1000593, Centre, Clinton Union and Snyder Counties, Covers Jacob Mertz of Lewisburg and several sons in great detail.
2. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 30 Mar 1782. Jacob Mertz s/o Niclaus and Wife baptized. Sponsors: Jacob Mertz and wife Margretha. Jacob is the brother of Nicholas.
3. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jacob Martz, 26-45 blacksmith, Freeburg North'd Co., 0/1, 2/0, 0/1, 1/0, 0/0.
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), Jacob Martz, Buffalo Twp, Union Co, PA, 3/2, 0/0, 3/0, 1, 1/1, 0/0.
5. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Martz, Buffalo Twp, Union Co, PA, 10-14M, 15-19M (2), 40-49M, <5F (3), 5-9F (3), 30-39F.
6. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Martz, Buffalo Twp, Union Co, PA, 5-9M, 50-59M, <5F (1), 10-14F, 20-29F (2), 30-39F, 40-49F.
7. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 69, East Buffalo, Union, PA, Elizabeth 54, Peter 18, Sarah 15.
8. Tombstone Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Jacob Mertz, dob and dod as given.
9. Published Family Histories. "The Aurand(t) Book," Author: Robert Aurand Cody, Mary Catherine Aurand. I credit most Aurand facts to Richard Aurand Sherer, a genealogy friend, he credits them most often to this book.
10. Probate Records "Probate and Orphans Court Records 1772-1855," Snyder County, Author: C A Fisher Abstract, Wills, Estate Files, Extracted and abstracted from North'd and Union Co files, Repository: LDS Films 1414861, George Aurand will abstracted here.
11. Tombstone Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler).

Name: **John Aurand Mertz (P5c1)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	17 Jul 1814
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	14 Nov 1879[5]
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father:	Jacob Mertz (P5c) (1781-1859)
Mother:	Mary Catharine Aurand (1791-1842)
Other spouses:	Catherine

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Jacob named son John A in his will, the A stands for Aurand, the maiden name of Jacob's wife.

He lived his life in or near Lewisburg. John Aurand is designated P5c1.

He was Treasurer of Union County from 1861 to 1863. Later, he was a Justice of the Peace in Union County.

Relocated and Census Tracking
John is found in Census in Lewisburg in 1850, 1860 and 1870.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
John A died intestate 14 Nov 1879. In December, Reuben F Brown, John S Schnook and Philip Frederick were appointed administrators of his estate. You might think they were sons-in-law but according to either the 1870 or 1880 Census, Reuben was married to Minerva (1848), John was married to Sarah (1845) and Philip was married to Angleine (1839) -- the women are the right ages to be daughters of John but the names do not work with what we know of John's daughters from Census listings. His wife was named Catherine at the time of his death, though it had always been Mary in Census.

John and Mary are on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
From Census, his daughters were Elizabeth Ann born about 1844, Amanda 1847, Emma 1853 and Louisa 1855.

I tracked Amanda further when I got interested in the many Amanda Mertz in those years and what happened to each.

Known Sons
From Census, his sons were:

Jacob K (P5c2-1) born about 1841, moved to Minneapolis. And John born about 1849, Charles 1859 and George B 1861 -- I know nothing more about any of these three.

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Spouse: **Mary Koer**

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Birth: 4 Dec 1816
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 8 Jun 1873[6]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA[7]

Parent-Proof
Her daughter Amanda's death certificate says John's wife Mary was Mary Koer. That may not be an accurate spelling of Mary's real name, it is not a name I recognize.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John A Marts, Lewisburg, Union Co, PA, 20-29M, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John A Martz (Esquire), 33, Lewisburg, Union, PA, Mary 32, Jacob 9, Elizabeth Ann 6, Amanda 4, John 1.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Mertz, Lewisburg, JP, 48, Mary 42, Jacob 17 boatman, Elizabeth 15, Amanda 11, John 9, Emma 7, Louisa 5, Charles 1.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Mertz, Justice of the Peace, 56, Lewisburg, Mary 52, Amanda 22, John 20, Anna 17, Louisa 15, Charles 11, George B 9.
5. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Birth and death date transcribed from tombstone at Lewisburg Cemetery.
6. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Birth and death date transcribed from tombstone at Lewisburg Cemetery.
7. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Photo of her tombstone sent to me by Valerie Mertz.

Name: **Jacob K Mertz (P5c1a)**[1]

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Birth: abt 1841
Death: 31 Oct 1898 Minneapolis, MN
Father: John Aurand Mertz (P5c1) (1814-1879)
Mother: Mary (~1818-1873)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Jacob as the son of John from his presence in his father's 1850 and 1860 household. He is designated P5c1a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

I did find him in 1880 living alone in Minneapolis. I think Jacob K never married.

Death and Find-a-Grave

His obituary was in the Miffilinburg Telegraph 11 Nov 1898. *"Jacob K Mertz, a prominent citizen of Minneapolis died in that city 31 Oct of heart trouble age about 55 years. He was the son of the late John Mertz, dec'd, long time Justice of the Peace in Lewisburg. Jacob was born in Lewisburg. He enlisted in Co D 5th Reg PA Res Corp early in 1861 and was discharged 4 Feb 1863 on account of disability. Afterward he re-enlisted and served again. After the war, he went to Minnesota where he became a prominent member of the GAR. He was buried in St. Paul. Three sisters survive him: Mrs. Kieffer Wolfe of Hartleton, Mrs.Wm Martin of Lewisburg and Mrs. Josa Levers of Milton."*

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob K Mertz, 38, Minnesapolis, Hennepin, MN, lives alone.

Name: **Henry Mertz (P5c2)**[1,2,3,4,5,6]

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Birth: 24 Feb 1816
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 26 Nov 1889[7,8]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father: Jacob Mertz (P5c) (1781-1859)
Mother: Mary Catharine Aurand (1791-1842)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Jacob named son Henry in his will. He lived his life near Lewisburg.

The Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania (CBR) says Henry spent his entire life upon the old homestead at Mertz Cross Roads on the Furnace Road in Union County. In 1837, he married Lydia Aurand daughter of Abraham.

Henry is designated P5c2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Henry is found in Census in East Buffalo Township in 1850-1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Henry and Lydia are on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
His daughters as listed in CBR were: Mary C (4 Jan 1838) died unmarried, Susanna (17 Oct 1839) wife of Cyrus Fetter of East Buffalo Township, Sarah Jane (18 Mar 1841) wife of Christian Leader, Elizabeth (18 Apr 1842) died in childhood, Lucinda (13 Apr 1844) wife of C W Chappell of Cambria County, Catherine (26 May 1851) wife of Franklin Kessler of East Buffalo Township, Etta A (8 Nov 1854) wife of John Richard of Sullivan County, PA and Lydia E (8 Oct 1857) wife of G M Gerhart.

Known Sons
From Census and CBR, he had four sons: John who died in childhood, P5c2a Abraham born 1846 and Jacob and William Lincoln both born after 1850 so not designated nor tracked (they are in my database). They all stayed locally and are buried in Lewisburg Cemetery.

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Spouse: **Lydia Aurand**

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Birth: 22 Nov 1817
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 1837
Death: 5 Feb 1896[7,9]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA

Parent-Proof
The death certificate of their son Abraham says he was born in Union County, the son of Henry Mertz and Lydia Aurand.

Sources
1. Published Book. Author: John Blair Lynn, About 1875, "Annals of Buffalo Valley, 1755-1855," Repository: Union County GenWeb Archives, There is mention in this book of a certain farm bought by Jacob Mertz in 1822 and now (1871) owned by his son Henry.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Henry Martz, Buffalo Twp, Union Co, PA, 20-29M, 30-39M, <5F, 20-29F, 40-49F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Marts, East Buffalo Twp Union Co, PA, 34, farmer, Lidia is 43, Susan 9, Sarah Jane 7, Abraham 4, Lucinda 1.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Mertz, farmer, 44, E Buffalo Twp, Lydia 43, Abraham 14, Lucinda 11, Kate 9, Jacob 7, Amanda 5, Ellen 3.
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry Mertz, 54, E Buffalo Twp, Lydia 53, Abraham 23, Jacob 17, Amanda 15, Ellen 13, Lincoln 9.
6 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Henry Mertz, 64, Buffalo Twp, Lydia 63, William L 19, (grandaughter) Jennie Litten 8.
7. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Birth and death date transcribed from tombstone at Lewisburg Cemetery.
8. Probate Records "Union County Probate Records," Repository: Courthouse, Lewisburg, PA, Wills, administrations, Valerie Mertz copied these, Henry died intestate. Letters of administration were issued 14 Dec 1889 to W L Mertz, Abraham Mertz and J W Mowery. The widow Lydia renounced.
9. Probate Records "Union County Probate Records," Repository: Courthouse, Lewisburg, PA, Wills, administrations, Valerie Mertz copied these, Lydia died intestate. Letters of administration were issued 13 Feb 1896 to W L Mertz, Abraham Mertz and J W Mowery. Who is J W Mowery?

Name: **Abraham Mertz (P5c2a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 13 Oct 1846
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 20 Dec 1917[3]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father: Henry Mertz (P5c2) (1816-1889)
Mother: Lydia Aurand (1817-1896)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

From CBR: Abraham was born on the Old Homestead. He married Lizzie Dolby 16 Oct 1877 d/o Christian. Their 5 children are: William C b.9 May 1878 d.29 Dec 1890, Lottie M b.12 Nov 1881, Charles M b.16 Dec 1883, , Emma E b.2 Oct 1886 and Blanche J b.12 Apr 1892. He now manages the Baron Miller farm and is considered one of the best and most progressive farmers in the community.

Abraham is designated P5c2a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Abram Mertz wrote his will 29 Oct 1917. He leaves his wife Elizabeth the income from his farm and woodland in E Buffalo Twp and then upon her death it passes to his children in equal shares. He instructs that his personal property be sold and the proceeds divided equally among his wife, children and one grandchild Boyd Abram Morrow. He states that his daughter Blanche J and son George M are then unmarried and still living at home. He also mentions daughter Mrs. Malcolm Campbell and son Charles. He also leaves his automobile which he values at $300 to Blanche J and George M. A witness to the will was Jonas Douty.

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Spouse: **Leah Elizabeth Dolby**[4,5,6]

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Birth: 16 Jan 1858
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 16 Oct 1877 North'd Co, PA
Death: 24 Feb 1924[7]
Death Memo: (PA death certificate, gives names of her parents)
Burial: Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co, PA
Father: Christian Dolby (~1820-)
Mother: Catherine Zimmerman (~1821-)

Parent-Proof

She was the daughter of Christian and Catherine Dolby who lived in W Buffalo Twp in 1860 and then in Chillisquaque Twp in North'd Co in 1870.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Abraham Mertz, Buffalo Twp Union Co, 33, farmer, Elizabeth 22, William C 2.

2. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Abraham Mertz, 63, farmer, E Buffalo Twp, Lizzie 54, Charles 26, George 10, Blanche 16.

3. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Birth and death date transcribed from tombstone at Lewisburg Cemetery. Abram A Mertz 13 Oct 1846 - 20 Dec 1917. Leah Elizabeth his wife 16 Jan 1858 - 24 Feb 1924.
4. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Lewisburg Cemetery photo and listing sent to me by Valerie Mertz.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Christian Dolby, 40, Catherine 39, W Buffalo Twp, with several children including Leah 2.
6. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), Lizzie Mertz, widow, 61, S 5th St Lewisburg, Blanche 28, George M 20.
7. Tombstone Various, Central PA, Valerie Mertz (compiler), Birth and death date transcribed from tombstone at Lewisburg Cemetery.

Name: **Peter Mertz (P5c3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: abt 1832 Buffalo Twp, Union Co, PA
Death: Kansas
Father: Jacob Mertz (P5c) (1781-1859)
Mother: Mary Catharine Aurand (1791-1842)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Jacob named son Peter in his will. He is designated P5c3.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Peter is found in 1870 in East Buffalo Township and then in 1880 in Kansas. Peter moved to Kansas sometime after 1874 when Maggie was born in PA according to Census and before 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
As of summer 2015, Peter is not on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
From Census there was Ida 1860, Sarah Z 1866, Alana M 1870 and Maggie 1874. All were born in PA.

Known Sons
I only know of William born about 1863.

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Spouse: **Lydia**

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Birth: abt 1835

Parent-Proof
The CBR says Peter married Lydia and in 1870 his wife was indeed Lydia. Then in 1880, she was named Ida as was their oldest daughter -- so I think Peter's wife was Lydia aka Ida.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Marts, 27, Lewisburg South Ward, Union, PA, Lydia 26, Ida M 2m.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Peter Mertz, 37 laborer, West Buffalo Twp, Union Co, Lydia 35, Ida M 10, William 7, Sarah Z 4, Alana M 4 months.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Peter Mertz, 48 farmer, Iowa Twp Doniphan Co, Kansas, Ida 46, William 17, Sallie 14, Anna 10, Maggie 6. All born in PA.

Name: **Samuel Mertz (P5d)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth: 1787
Death: abt 1855
Death Memo: (present in 1850 , not present in 1860)
Father: Nicholas Mertz (P5) (1748-1801)
Mother: Catharina Cleaver (1754-1825)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
The three oldest sons of Nicholas Mertz who died in Middleburg were all baptized at Longswamp Reformed Church, the last of those being Jacob in 1781. Nicholas's two younger sons — known from the Orphans Court petitions after his death — were Samuel and Peter. They filed a petition in 1804 saying they were both minors above the age of 14. This implies a birth date for both of 1788-1790 or so.

In the 1850 Census, Samuel was age 63, implying a birth of about 1787. Samuel is designated P5d.

Samuel Mertz served in the same unit as Isaac in the War of 1812.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Samuel is easy to spot in Census as his name was unique (until his nephew Samuel came on the scene later). In 1810 he lived in Centre Township, Union County, then in 1820 and 1830 in Middleburg. By 1850, he was listed again in Centre Township. Centre Township is the area surrounding Middleburg.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
As of spring 2018, Samuel is not on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
From Census, it would appear that Samuel had several daughters. The one I know for sure is Mary because she was still living with her parents in 1850. She was then age 40.

But then in 1860, after Samuel seems to have died, I am sure I have found Samuel's widow Susan and his daughter Mary living with Catherine and Richard Trotter. Catherine's obituary says her maiden name was Martz, I think it is an obvious guess she was Samuel's daughter.

Moreover, in 1850, Sophia Martz age 24 was living with the Trotter family in Cambria County. I think it is an obvious guess that Sophia was another of Samuel's daughters. Sophia married Morris George, the first of many marriages between Samuel's descendants and those of Philip George of Cambria County.

Finally, I've given him a daughter Rebecca. There were two Rebecca Mertz in the western Snyder (well Union at the time) County area. One was said to be of Washington Township and married Jacob Schnee, the other was of Beaver Township and married Henry Tittle. Peter Mertz, Samuel's cousin, lived in Washington Township and definitely had a daughter named Rebecca so I believe his daughter married Jacob Schnee. She was born in 1819.

The only other Mertz living in Beaver Township in 1840 — when Rebecca Mertz married there — was George Mertz who I think was Samuel's son. So that's the basis for what is

only an educated guess that the Rebecca Mertz who married Henry Tittle was Samuel's daughter.

Known Sons
There is no source I am aware of from which we can know the names of all of Samuel's sons. In the 1830 Census, there were 4 sons: two age 10-14, one age 15-19 and one 20-29.

I think I can name them although there is a certain amount of guesswork involved:

P5d1. George born in about 1808
P5d2. Frederick born in 1819

Joseph age 20-30 in 1840, a neighbor of Samuel's, so I am guessing he was Samuel's son. But I can track him no further. I know nothing more about him.

Henry, who was still living with his father, at age 35, in 1850. I think Henry never married, had no heirs and therefore is not designated.

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Spouse: **Susanna** [6]

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Birth: abt 1787

Census History
Her age has been transcribed as 13 in 1860 when she was living with her believed daughter Catherine Trotter. But on close inspection I think it says 73 (in agreement with her age in 1850) and the order of the people listed in the Trotter household suggest she was much older than 13.

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), Samuel Martz, Centre Twp, North'd Co, PA, 2/2, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0, 0/0.
2. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Samuel Mertz, Middleburg Union Co, 26-45 near his mother Catherine. His wife is 26-45 and their family includes 3 sons and 4 daughters.
3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Samuel Martz, Middleburg, Union Co, PA, 10-14M (2), 15-19M, 20-29M, 40-49M, <5F, 5-9F, 10-14F, 15-19F, 20-29F, 40-49F.
4. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Samuel Martz, Union Co, PA, 20-29M, 50-59M, 5-9F, 10-14F, 40-49F.
5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 63, Centre, Union, PA, Susanna 63, Mary 40, Henry 35.
56. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Susan Martz, 73, (looks like 13), Washington, Cambria, PA, and Mary Martz, 52, live with Richard and Catherine Trotter.

Name: **George Martz (P5d1)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: abt 1808
Memo: (age in Census)
Death: 9 Jun 1875
Memo: (Beverly Royer had a correspondent who was sure that was right but couldn't find his actual source)
Father: Samuel Mertz (P5d) (1787-~1855)
Mother: Susanna (~1787-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I believe George was the son of Samuel Mertz of the Middleburg family of Nicholas Mertz. It would be nice if Samuel had left a will or perhaps an estate file or property division after he died which would have named all his children. I have never found that any such thing exists.

Nor have I ever found early church records for Nicholas' family. So all we can say is that from Census, Samuel had several sons, one of whom, from his age, could well have been George.

But there are some pieces of evidence that suggest that George was Samuel's son:

Geography. When George and Rachel married, they were both said to have been of Beaver Township, Union County, PA. Based on my extensive analysis of ALL the early Mertz families, the only Mertzes geographically close to Beaver Township well into the 1800's were the families of Philip Mertz and his brother, Nicholas. I have studied all the sons of Philip and Nicholas and for most of them, I can name all of their sons. Samuel is about the only one of the right age whose sons I cannot name for sure. (Well, I don't know all of George's brother Isaac's sons, but I know Isaac had a son named George, this was a different George.)

Occupation. George was a shoemaker. Samuel was a shoemaker. It is also interesting that the only other Mertz in Beaver Township in the early decades of the 1800's was Israel Mertz, a shoemaker. Israel was Isaac's son, but it is interesting that he adopted his Uncle Samuel's occupation. I think Samuel was a very proficient shoemaker and taught his son and nephew the trade.

Cambria County Martzes. The fact that his name became Martz once he moved to Cambria County is an oft-repeated pattern. Many, many people who started out Mertz in Berks County and in the case of Philip and Nicholas stayed Mertz in (what became) Snyder County became Martz when someone moved to a new place. But the question is how can I know that George Martz of Cambria was one and the same as George Mertz of Beaver Township?

Biographies of several of George's children say they were born in Union County, PA. (The geography here is that when Philip and Nicholas moved from Berks County, they moved to what was then Northumberland County but then in 1813 all of what had been Northumberland that lay west of the Susquehanna River became Union County. It was Union County when George lived there. And then later, the southern part of Union County became Snyder County.)

A woman named, after her marriage, Catherine Trotter, lived in Cambria County. Her obituary said her maiden name was Martz, that she had been born in Union County and that

she moved to Cambria County in 1836. In 1860, after Samuel Mertz had apparently died, Samuels' widow Susanna and his unmarried daughter Mary lived in Catherine's household.

Also in Catherine's obituary, it said she had many relatives in the Lilly area. George lived in Lilly.

I believe, strongly, that George was Samuel's son and he is designated P5d1.

Known Daughters
George had two daughters that I know of, Sarinda who married Paul George and Emma who married John McCreary.

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Known Sons
I know of three sons for George:

Henry, designated P5d1, who married Sarah Rupe (Roop or Roup).

Alfred who died in the Civil War and did not have family, so is not designated.

Rufus Oliver, designated P5d2. Rufus married Ann Elizabeth George.

Ann Elizabeth George, wife of Rufus Martz, was the sister of Paul George, husband of Rufus's sister Sarinda,

But these two families were even tighter than that. Rufus' aunt Sophia married Morris George, sibling of Ann Elizabeth and Paul. Anne Elizabeth, Morris and Paul were all children of Philip George.

And two grandchildren of George Martz married two grandchildren of Philip George.

Francis Joseph George, son of Christopher, married Rachel Martz, Henry's daughter.

And Frederick R George, son of Frederick L, married Emma Martz, another of Henry's daughters.

Another way to say this is that 5 descendants of Samuel Mertz married 5 descendants of Philip George. And who knows, there may have been more marriages in the generations more recent than what I have researched.

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Spouse:	**Rachel Keller**[5]
Birth:	16 Oct 1809
Marriage:	14 Apr 1839
Marr Memo:	(Fisher Central PA Marriages)
Death:	17 Mar 1889
Memo:	(St Luke's Lutheran Church, Lilly, PA on Ancestry.com)
Father:	Abraham Keller
Mother:	Susannah Maurer

Parent-Proof
I only give a sketch in my database of Rachel's ancestry because her family is fully documented and very well researched in: http://www.hilbishgenealogy.com/

Her date of birth comes from her baptism record. I onetime found her name in the "Cambria Tribune Obituary Index" dated 12/1/1883 from which I concluded she died in November 1883. But Beverly Royer has pointed me to the church records of St Luke's Lutheran Church in Lilly, PA which, as transcribed, say that Batchel Martz Sr. died 17 March 1889 (might be her burial date) and was age 78. Upon inspection, the name does look like Ratchel and her presence as a communicant is also noted in those records and she was called Rachel Sr. in that instance.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), George Mertz, Beaver, Union, PA, <5M, 30-39M, <5F, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Martz, 42, Summerhill, Cambria, PA, shoemaker, Rachel 41, Henry 14, Albert 8, Clarinda 6, Ruphus O 5.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Martz, 51, Washington, Cambria, PA, Rachel 50, Henry 23, Alfred 18, Rufus O 14, Anna 5.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George Martz, 63, Washington, Cambria, PA, boot & shoemaker, Rachel 60.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Rachael Martz 65 lives with her son Rufus and his family in Houtzdale, Clearfield, PA.

Name: **Henry Martz (P5d1a)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth: 24 Dec 1836
Memo: ("Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen")
Death: 13 Dec 1922
Memo: (PA Death Certificate)
Burial: Lillydale, Lilly, Cambria Co, PA
Father: George Martz (P5d1) (~1808-~1875)
Mother: Rachel Keller (1809-1883)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Henry as George's son from his presence in his parents' household in 1850, confirmed by his death certificate which says he was the son of George Martz and Rachel Keller. Henry is designated P5d1.

A write-up on him in Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen published in 1899 by H. H. Hardesty — so written when Henry was still alive and so presumably he (or a child of his?) contributed — names the same parents and adds that he was born 24 Dec 1836.

"Henry Martz was born Dec. 24, 1836 in Union County, Pa., of parents George and Rachel (Keller) Martz, long ago dec. He was married April 28, 1861 in Lilly Pa., to Sarah Fester, who was born in Cambria Co, Pa., Nov. 10, 1832. Her father, Henry D. Fester, is dec., as also her mother, Rachel (Fester). Six children have graced this marriage, Rufus, dec., George, Rachel R., James, Emma and Harry. When the War of the Rebellion was inaugurated, he became impressed with a desire to take an active part in defense of the Union. He was 25 years of age when he enrolled at Harrisburg, Pa., as a private in Co. G. 10 Pa. V. I., 1st Brig., 3rd Div., 18th A. C. and was soon made Corp. In 1864 he was wounded at Drewry's Bluff in hand and wrist, for which he received treatment in hospital at Annapolis, Md., ten months. He was taken prisoner at that battle and was confined in Libby prison four months. In 1864 he was furloughed for 30 days, having re-enlisted as a veteran. The following are his battles: Weldon R. R., Drewry's Bluff and Bermuda Hundred; he was honorably discharged May 26, 1865 at Annapolis, Md. His brother, Rufus, served in the late war; a second brother, Alfred, was wounded at Cold Harbor and died in hospitaL His brothers Thomas and Theodore were in service, the former was wounded and the latter died in hospital. Comrade Martz, belongs to Dick White Post 513, he is a laborer, and his address is Lilly, Pa."

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Discrepancies
His "Soldiers" profile mentions his brothers Rufus and Alfred who served in the Civil War and then says his brothers Theodore and Thomas did too. But Henry had no brothers of those names. The format of these "soldiers" profiles seems pretty formulaic and in a different one I read (Paul George), first named brothers and then brothers-in-law who served.

So a first guess would be that Theodore and Thomas were brothers-in-law — but I have also considered that the form (that I have imagined that the soldiers filled out) asked for other relatives who served and maybe Henry did name those two and stated his relationship to them and the publisher made a typo and called them brothers.

So who were they and what was their relationship?

We actually do think we know who they were: the Roup family of Cambria in 1850 headed by Henry and Rachel had young sons of those two names and records show that those two served — in fact in the same unit as Henry.

But what was the relationship of Henry to Thomas and Theodore Roup? Well first let's consider another anomaly/discrepancy. We have death certificates for maybe five of Henry and Sarah's children and they unanimously say their mother was Sarah Fester (once Lester) — consistent with the "Soldiers" profile. But on the death certificate of their daughter Henrietta, it says her mother was Sarah Roop and the informant was none other than "the father", Henry himself. What is that all about? Is Roop and Roup the same name? Probably it is.

Let's consider some possible relationships between Henry and Thomas/Theodore.

Brothers-in-law? That would mean either Thomas and Theodore married Henry's sisters or they were Sarah's brothers. They did not apparently marry Henry's sisters: Thomas married Catherine Henry and Theodore married Mary Gray.

Could they have been Sarah's brothers? That would mean Sarah was indeed Sarah Roup, daughter of Henry and Rachel Roup. In the 1850 Census, Henry was age 40 and Rachel age 35. Henry's wife, Sarah, was said to be born in 1832, but in Census she always was reported as younger than that (1836-1841). So it's possible Sarah was Henry and Rachel's daughter but it would have to be the daughter Sarah, age 4 in 1850.

I have considered that maybe Henry had two wives, Sarah Fester and then second Sarah Roup (when she grew up) but Sarah never reports an age in the range of 1846 in Census and in 1910, Sarah said she had been married 48 years and she had seven children — all confirming Henry had only one wife.

Nephews? That would mean either Henry or Rachel Roup was a sibling to Henry Martz or to his wife Sarah. But Henry and Rachel were simply too old to be children of George Martz.

Could Rachel Roup have been the sister of Sarah Fester? If we believe her age in Census, Rachel was born in 1815, Sarah let's say 1832. So, it's possible. But understand there is no evidence of this sister relationship whatsoever, other than trying to find some relationship between Henry and Thomas/Theodore.

Could Sarah have been the sister of Henry Raup? Now the ages seem a bit too wide— Henry born in 1810, Sarah in 1832. And if that were true, why did her children all insist her name was Fester as did the "Soldiers" profile?

The only reasonable explanation is that Thomas and Theodore were Henry's brothers-in-law., that he married Sarah Roup and yes, she was quite young when she married.

Spouse:	**Sarah Rupe**
Birth:	10 Nov 1832
Memo:	(find-a-grave photo of tombstone but might be way off)
Marriage:	28 Apr 1861 Lilly, PA
Marr Memo:	("Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen") Death: 11 Jan 1922
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Lillydale, Lilly, Cambria Co, PA

Father: Henry Rupe (~1810-)
Mother: Rachel Forshey

Parent-Proof
She was said to be Sarah Fester, born in Cambria County to Henry D and Rachel Fester in the "Soldiers" profile of Henry Martz.

Death certificates of her children call her Sarah Fester or Lester, with the exception of that of daughter Henrietta which says her name was Sarah Roop and the informant was none other than "the father", i.e. Henrietta's father, Henry Martz.

Most of those death certificates say only vaguely the she was born in PA but on her son George's it said she was born in Huntingdon, PA.

In Huntingdon County, I found a family headed by Henry D Feaster (then Fester the next Census) with wife Martha and children including daughter Sarah — but that Sarah was at least 10 years too young and apparently married someone named Warbeck.

It is interesting that I also found that two daughters of this Fester family married two Raup brothers from Cambria County, sons of Henry Raup (by either his first or second wife).

That Cambria Raup (Rupp or Roop) family caught my attention because there were two sons named Theodore and Thomas who served in the Civil War. In the "Soldiers" profile of Henry Martz it said two of his brothers, Theodore and Thomas, also served in that war. But Henry had no brothers of those names. Could they possibly have been talking about the Raup brothers, but why would they have been said to be Henry's brothers?

Her tombstone says she was born 10 Nov 1832, the same date cited in Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen. But she never in Census was indicated to be that old.

She was 34 [1836], 38 [1842], 60 [Jan 1840], 69 [1841] and 82 [1838] in the 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 Census.

So here is what I believe — understand it is possible to find some "facts" which might seem to indicate what I say here cannot be true — but I have pursued any number of different theories to try to fit all the "facts" and I found no scenario which was consistent with all those "facts". Some "facts" are wrong somewhere.

I believe Sarah, wife of Henry Martz, was the daughter of Henry and Rachel Rupe.

Yes, Sarah Roup was said to be 4 (maybe she was 6) in 1850. But the 1832 on her tombstone is not a confirmed date, contradicted by all those Census dates.

Yes, there are quite a number of documents that give her name as Sarah Fester, daughter of Henry and Rachel. But there is no evidence of any Rachel Fester, Henry's wives were Susan and then Martha. And I guess it's possible her children became confused over the years — Henry Fester was, I think, their uncle. Sarah's husband said her name was Sarah Roop.

Even if she was 6, she married in 1861 (we think), so age 15 and had a child at about age 17. Yes this seems unlikely that she was too young, but remember, this is the only Sarah Roup we can find — clearly she was alive in 1850 — and the only Sarah Fester we can find was even younger and her later marriage can be identified.

And remember, though Theodore and Thomas were said to be Henry's brothers in his "Soldiers" profile, from the profile of Paul George, it would seem they were in a logical place in the profile where typically they might have named brothers-in-law. And Sarah Raup had brothers named Thomas (actually a half-brother in his case) and Theodore — who both did serve in the Civil War — in fact in the same unit as Henry Martz.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Her own death certificate says she was the daughter of Henry Fester and unknown wife. The informant was daughter Mrs. R E George.

It is really curious that Rachel George, who likely was the namesake of her grandmother (no matter what scenario you want to believe) did not acknowledge the name of her grandmother on Sarah's death certificate. Had Rachel George realized by 1922 that she actually was a little confused on the names of Sarah's parents? She wanted to believe Henry Fester but had never met a Rachel Fester so something wasn't right.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry Martz, 34, Washington, Cambria, PA, Sarah 26, Rufus A 6, Rachal E 4, George W 2, Henreita 4m.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Henry Martz, 44, Washington, Cambria Co, PA, Sarah 38, Rufus 16, Rachael 14, George 12, Henrietta 10, Emma 3.
3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Henry Martz, 63, Lilly, Cambria, PA, Sarah b.Jan 1840, George 32, Henrietta 21, James G 19, Harry E 15.
4. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/ Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Henry Martz, 72, Lilly, Cambria, PA, Sarah 69, George 40, Harry 22.
5. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), Henry Metz, 83, Lilly, Cambria, PA, Sarah 82, Todd 52, Harry 33.

Name: **Rufus Oliver Martz (P5d1b)**[1,2]

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Birth: 24 Nov 1845
Memo: (PA Death Certificate and find-a-grave)
Death: 5 Dec 1913
Memo: (PA Death Certificate and find-a-grave)
Burial: Burnside, Indiana Co, PA
Father: George Martz (P5d1) (~1808-~1875)
Mother: Rachel Keller (1809-1883)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
His death certificate says he was the son of George Martz and Rachel Keller. He lived with his parents in 1850 and 1860 and his mother lived with him in 1880.

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Spouse: **Anna Elizabeth George**

Birth: 2 Jan 1846
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 22 Jan 1936
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Burnside, Indiana Co, PA
Father: Philip George (~1806-)
Mother: Rebecca Pittman (~1807-)

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name is known from death certificates of several of her children. I think she is the girl known as Elizabeth George, daughter of Philip George in the 1850 and 1860 Census.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Rufus Martz, 24, Washington, Cambria Co, PA, Elizabeth A 23, Irine 3, Alfareta 2.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Rufus O Martz, 33, Houtzdale, Clearfield, PA, coal miner, Ann E 33, Irema 14, Alferata 12, May Lilley 10, Sarinda E 8, Aferd Chas 4m, Rachel 65.

Name: **Frederick Mertz (P5d2)**[1,2]

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Birth: 10 Sep 1819 Middleburg, PA
Death: 25 Jul 1866[3,4]
Burial: Middleburg Union, Snyder Co, PA
Father: Samuel Mertz (P5d) (1787-~1855)
Mother: Susanna (~1787-)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Frederick Mertz is known from Census listings and his tombstone (in Middleburg). He was born in 1819. I am certain he was a grandson of 1748 Nicholas but who his father was is less clear. I have placed him as son of Samuel since Samuel stayed in Middleburg and from Census had unaccounted for sons of the right age to be Frederick. Frederick's name appears often in Snyder County Wills books as he was Register of Wills for a number of years.

He is designated P5d2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Frederick and his wife died at a young age as did their son Luther, an unnamed infant son and daughter Emma Johanna who died as an infant. Luther also buried an unnamed infant daughter and a second daughter Josephine who died at age 2.

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Spouse: **Elizabeth Showers**[6]

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Birth: 20 Dec 1833
Marriage: 30 Oct 1853 Center Twp, Union Co, PA[5]
Death: 5 Apr 1879[7]
Burial: Middleburg Union, Snyder Co, PA
Father: Daniel Showers (~1815-)
Mother: Barbara (~1811-)

Find-a-Grave
She died 5 Apr 1879. LOA were granted 8 Apr 1879 to Dr. John Y Shindel.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Frederick Mertz, 38, clerk, Franklin Twp Snyder Co, Elizabeth 30.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Mertz, 38, Middleburg Snyder Co, Luther 6.
3. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Dates as given.
4. Probate Records "Probate and Orphan's Court Records 1772-1855," Snyder County, Author: C A Fisher Abstract, Wills, Estate Files, Extracted and abstracted from North'd and Union Co files, Repository: LDS Films 1414861, Elizabeth Mertz and John Y Shindel were appointed administrators of the estate of Frederick Mertz, late of Middleburg Borough on 7 Dec 1869.
5. Published Book. Author: Charles A Fisher, 1982, "Central Pennsylvania Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Has specific marriages based on minister's records but Fisher also used baptism records and tombstones as proof of existence of a marriage, Frederick Mertz of Center Twp m.10/30/1853 Elizabeth Showers.

6. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Shower lives with her parents Daniel and Barbara in Center Twp, Union Co.
7. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. Elizabeth w/o Frederic, dates as given.
8. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Finsterbush et al, Various, Snyder County, PA, 2000, "Wagenseller Updates," Repository: Snyder Co US GenWeb Page, dates as given 35y 8m 2d.
9. Published Book. Author: IBID. Wagenseller. Snyder Co Tombstones. d/o Frederick and Eliza dod given 10m 1d.

Name: **Peter Martz (P5e)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	20 Feb 1789
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	10 May 1872 Arcadia, Hamilton Co, IN
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Brethren Cemetery, Arcadia, IN
Father:	Nicholas Mertz (P5) (1748-1801)
Mother:	Catharina Cleaver (1754-1825)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Peter, I believe, was Nicholas' youngest son. In several Orphans Court documents, the males appear to have been listed in chronological order and Peter was consistently last and consistently after Samuel who was next to last. I do not have an exact birth year for Samuel but from Census it was approximately 1787. Samuel and Peter filed a petition in 1804 as part of their father's Orphans Court proceedings saying they were both minors above the age of 14. This implies a birth date for both of 1788 -1790 or so.

Peter's tombstone tells us he was born in 1789. Peter is designated P5e.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE ARCADIA, IN MARTS FAMILY. In 2006, I was contacted by some descendants of a Peter Marts who died and was buried in Arcadia, IN. Their family tradition was that he was the son of Nicholas born 1762 in Lancaster County. They knew from his tombstone that Peter was born in 1789. I pointed out to them that there is no evidence that a Nicholas Mertz ever lived in Lancaster County or that there was a Nicholas Mertz born in 1762 and that what they knew about their Peter might well fit the facts I knew about Peter Mertz, son of 1748 Nicholas.

Working with them, several other facts emerged. The names Indiana Peter gave his children were in many cases the same names as other children of Nicholas. Moreover, Indiana Peter had married in 1809 in Fairfield County, Ohio before moving on to Indiana and in the 1820 Census, an Abraham Mertz was living in that place in Ohio, age 50-60. Moreover, Ohio cemetery records show that Abraham's birth date matched exactly that of Abraham, known son of Nicholas. And there was no other Abraham that I can account for back in PA that might have been Nicholas' son. And Peter's birth date, from his tombstone, said he was born in 1789, fitting exactly the narrow window that bracketed Nicholas' son Peter's birth.

So I conjectured, on the basis of these facts, that Peter, son of Nicholas 1748 was Indiana Peter. No member of this research group had any evidence that would even hint at this not being the case and they have come around, after some time, to accepting my point of view.

The final lynchpin proving (in my opinion) my theories, though, was when I found in Snyder County Annals that local lore was that Nicholas of Middleburg was a huge man, weighing in at 395 pounds. The family histories this group have say that Nicholas of Lancaster County was a huge man, weighing 400 pounds. Close enough for me. I found their Nicholas.

Peter first showed up in Census in 1830 in Wayne County, Indiana. Then in 1840 and 1850 he was in Fayette County. Since he was buried in Hamilton County, I wasn't sure how I could know it was him in these other places. His age was right, but was that enough?.

A family history on Peter and his family says he moved to Indiana about 1818 and settled in Dublin — which is Wayne County. It says he retired in 1868 and moved to Arcadia. It offers no information as to why he was listed in Fayette County, however a check of a map shows that Dublin is in the far southwestern corner of Wayne County and very close to the Fayette/ Wayne border. Since his age in 1850 was right and his wife was Christena, I am sure it was him.

In 1850, I think the woman listed as Magdalena Marts, age 88, living with Peter and Christena was really Christena's mother, Magdalen Myers.

I found a database of persons who were identified as qualified (Indiana) Pioneer Ancestors. It included this entry:

Peter Martz (Marts); b. Pennsylvania, 1787; To Fayette Co. from Ohio, 1818 {In War of 1812}

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Death and Find-a-Grave
He is on find-a-grave. His name is spelled Martz on his memorial and also on the Hamilton County memorials of his wife and several sons. But, in fact, in most Indiana records the family name was spelled Marts.

There is a photo of Peter's tombstone on find-a-grave but it is a little blurry and it is not totally clear if the spelling is Marts or Martz on his tombstone. In any event, I have gone with the Martz spelling for Peter and his sons who stayed in Indiana and am using the Marts spelling for his son Charles who moved away and in whose line the Marts spelling continues to the present day.

Known Daughters
Sarah was born in Pickaway County, OH, on 1 Jun 1814. Sarah died in Wisconsin on 7 Feb 1904. Sarah married Andrew Doyle. Their children were William, Henry, Eleanor, Julia, Charles A, Charlotte, Samuel D, Lydia J and Nelson.

Mary was born in Pickaway Co, OH, on 8 May 1816. Mary died in Indiana on 10 May 1874; she was 58. Mary married first Jacob Ream. Their children were Elizabeth A, Lettie Ellen, William Henry, Nancy Jane and Littleton. She married second Zimri Cox and they had Nathan P, Mary C and George.

Catherine married Wesley Swafford and they had Martha Jane, Perry, Harriet, Christina and Mary Ann.

Christina was born in Indiana on 14 Nov 1820. Christina died in Missouri on 22 Mar 1912; she was 91. Christina married Newman Shinn and they had Silas, Elizabeth, Louisa, Elbert Julian, James Monroe, Sarah Ann, Samuel Henry and Ida Wilhelmina.

Eliza was born in Indiana on 21 Oct 1824. Eliza died in Indiana on 27 Nov 1884; she was 60. Eliza married Eli McConkey and they had Lafayette B, Mary Jane, William Thomas, Sarah Angeline, James Peter, Cynthia E, Prudence Christina, Ruth A, Rebuen E and Emma E.

Barbara. Barbara was born in Indiana on 27 Mar 1834. Barbara died in Indiana on 25 Oct 1868; she was 34. Barbara married Edmund Rogerson and they had Henrietta J, Delphina, Eliza A, Francis and Jennie Belle.

Known Sons
Peter had seven sons:

P5e1 Henry born 1809
P5e2 Charles born 1811
P5e3 Moses born 1812
P5e4 Isaac born 1812 (twin of Moses)
P5e5 Gideon born 1823
P5e6 Samuel born 1828
P5e7 Jacob born 1831

I have taken birth and death dates for all of these sons, unless otherwise noted, from a white paper by Frank Myers.

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Spouse:	**Christena Myers**	
Birth:	17 Feb 1790	Tulpehocken Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Marriage:	30 Nov 1809	Pickaway Co, OH
Death:	6 Apr 1879	Arcadia, Hamilton Co, IN
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Brethren Cemetery, Arcadia, IN	

Parent-Proof
On 30 Nov 1809 when Peter was 20, he married Christena Myers in Pickaway County, OH. She was the daughter of Johannes Heinrich Meyer and Anna Magdalena Emmerich.

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), Peter Marts, Wayne Co, IN, 2/3, 2/0, 0/0 0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Peter Marts, Fayette Co, IN, <5M, 5-9M, 15-19M (3), 20-29M, 30-39M, 40-49M, <5F, 509F, 10-14F (2), 15-19F, 40-49F.
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Peter Marts, Posey Twp, Fayette Co, IN, 5-9M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 50-59M, 5-9F, 10-14F, 15-19F, 50-59F.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Marts, 62, Posey, Fayette, IN, Christena 61, Samuel 22, Jacob 19, Barbara 16, Christena 5, Magdalena 88.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Marts, 71, Posey, Fayette, IN, Christiane 70, Lewis 4.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Peter Marts, 81, Jackson, Hamilton ,PA, Christiana 80.

Name: **Henry Martz (P5e1)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1807
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1865
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN
Father: Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)
Mother: Christena Myers (1790-1879)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Henry is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. He is designated P5e1.

Henry married first Barbara Gaylor and their children were Edward and Sarah.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Henry had a difficult life, I think. He married Barbara in 1833, they apparently had two children and she died in 1840. In the 1850 Census, we find Henry living with Nancy Marts, age 32. I don't think she was his sister so was she a second wife? They lived with four children named Kinder, Nancy's children by a first marriage?

And there was no sign of Henry's own children in that household or anywhere else. Then in 1860, Henry lived alone.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Henry and his wife Barbara are on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
There is an Indiana Death Certificate of Sarah Ann Boden born in 1837 in Wayne County, Indiana and died in 1906. It says her father was Henry Marts and her mother's maiden name Gayler.

Known Sons
According to the family history, he had a son Edward but at least at the time of any Census, Edward never lived with Henry. Nonetheless, I have found marriage records in Illinois for Edward Marts making clear his parents were Henry Marts and Barbara Gayler.

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Spouse: **Barbara Gaylor**

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Marriage: 31 Dec 1833
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriage records on Ancestry.com)
Death: 1840
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Marts, 41, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Nancy 32, Rosana Kinder 13, Thomas Kinder 11, John Kinder 16, Elizabeth Kinder 8.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Martz 52, Cicero, Hamlton, IN, lived alone.

Name: **Edward Martz (P5e1a)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 9 Aug 1835
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 3 Oct 1914
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Haven Hill, Olney, IL
Father: Henry Martz (P5e1) (1807-1865)
Mother: Barbara Gaylor (-1840)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Well I'm sure, from his marriage record, that I have found the son the family history said Henry had named Edward. Interesting guy.

Evidently he married first Mary Boden and had a son Charles in 1864 whose Illinois Death Certificate named them as his parents. And in 1879, we find those three people lingo in Olney, Illinois.

But then, there is a marriage record for Edward to Cora D Boden Smith in 1878. I would guess Cora was Mary's sister and she had first married Smith. Edward, by the way, had a sister who married a Boden, too. The Boden and Martz families got along quite well. And in 1880, Edward lived with Charles and wife Dena (For D?).

But there is yet another marriage record for Edward, naming the same parents, this time marrying Lydia J Phelps in 1887.

Edward is on find-a-grave. He is inked to all three of those wives and he, with wife Mary Ann, are linked to Charles and four others as their children.

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Spouse: **Mary Ann Boden**

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Birth: 27 Dec 1845
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 17 Nov 1876
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Haven Hill, Olney, IL

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Edward Marts, 24, Dudley, Henry, IN l/w McConkle.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Edward Martz, 30, Olney, Richland, IL, Mary A 23, Charles 6.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Edward Marts, 44, Olney, Richland, IL, Dena 28, Charles 16, George 10, John W 6, Anna Foutetace 12, Fanny Albertson 18.

Name: **Charles Marts (P5e2)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	1811	Pickaway Co, OH
Death:	abt 1865	
Death Memo:	(present in 1860 Census, absent in 1870)	
Father:	Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)	
Mother:	Christena Myers (1790-1879)	
Other spouses:	Sarah Brees	
	Lucinda Harty	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Charles is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. His age and presence in Hamilton, County make this totally logical. He is designated P5e2.

Relocated and Census Tracking
By tracking his son Andrew J, I was able to track Charles to Iowa.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
I cannot find Charles on find-a-grave. There is no Charles Marts with the right dates listed anywhere. As he was listed in the 1860 Census in Iowa and his family was there without him in 1870, I assume he died sometime in the 1860's in Iowa.

Known Sons
Descendants say Charles married first Elizabeth McGill and by her had Peter, Catherine, Lydia J, John, Christina and Andrew. He married second Lucinda Harty, widow of Elza Olvey, and by her had Samuel, Charles W, Albert and Silas.

Indiana marriage records seem to confirm this. The marriage of Charles and Elizabeth took place in Wayne County in 1832. Obviously it was this Charles.

Then there is a marriage record of Lucinda Olvey to Charles Marts in 1850 in Randolph County and Ancestry suggests she was actually Lucinda Harty who married first Elza Olvey in 1845. The fact that Lucinda lived with Charles in 1850 with his son Andrew J and two Olvey children seems to confirm this whole scenario.

The find-a-grave memorial of Samuel Marts, born 1851, says Samuel was the 7th child of his father and the 3rd of his mother, both of them having children from deceased spouses when they married. The memorial did not name either of Samuel's parents but it too seems to confirm the whole scenario.

But there is a third Indiana marriage record that puzzles me. In 1846, Charles Marts married Sarah Brees in Hamilton County. I don't know who this could be if not this same Charles so I believe Sarah was his second wife and Lucinda his third. In any event, there do not appear to have been any surviving children born to Sarah and Charles so her omission from the overall story is perhaps understandable.

I am able to track sons Peter (P5e2a) and Andrew (P5e2b) by wife Elizabeth McGill. I have not been able to learn anything more about son John by that marriage.

Since all of Charles' sons by Lucinda were born after 1850, normally I would not track them further but Samuel born 1851 is close enough to my 1850 cutoff and of interest to me since I am in contact with a descendant of his, I have also tracked him (P5e2c).

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Spouse: Elizabeth McGill

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Marriage: 12 Aug 1832 Wayne Co, IN
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriages, Ancestry.com)

Children Names

A newspaper article from Richmond, IN dated 19 Jan 1855 named the heirs of Betsy (McGill) Martz who was the deceased daughter of Patience McGill as Peter, Andrew, Lydia Jane and Christiana Martz.

Sources

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Charles Marts, Posey, Fayette, IN, <5M (2), 15-19M, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29 F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Charls Marts, 39, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Lousinda 26, Andrew J 11 plus William Olvey 4, Clarissa Olvey 3.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Chas Marts, 49, Washington, Ringgold, IA, Lucinda 36, Jas W 13 (Olvey?), Clarissa J 12 (Olvey?), Saml 8, Chas W 6, Albert 3, Silas 9m.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Lucinda Morts, 43, Richmond, Nemaha, KS, Charles W 12, Silas 10, Franklin 7, Luella Benton 6, Lucinda Benton 2, William Raney 26.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Lucinda Marts, 53, Iowa Point, Doniphan, KS, Charles W 23, Silas 18, Franklin P 17, William Olvie 32, Luella Benson 16, Lucinda Benson 10.

Name: **Peter Marts (P5e2a)**[1,2]

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Birth: abt 1834
Death: 22 Jul 1864 Atlanta, GA
Death Memo: (Civil War Deaths, Ancestry.com)
Father: Charles Marts (P5e2) (1811-~1865)
Mother: Elizabeth McGill

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
The record of his 1852 marriage says that his father, Charles, gave permission for him and Rebecca Jane's father, Isaac, gave permission for her.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
A Peter Marts of Iowa is listed as an 1864 Civil War casualty in Atlanta. I think it is this Peter as Rebecca remarried in 1865.

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Spouse: **Rebecca Jane Richards**[3,4]

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Birth: 31 Aug 1829
Birth Memo: (age 61y, 6m, 22d per find-a-grave)
Marriage: 29 Jan 1852 Hamilton Co, IN
Marr Memo: (indiana Marriages, Ancestry.com)
Death: 22 Mar 1891
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Lucas Co, IA

Parent-Proof
Rebecca J Marts married Daniel Salyers 5 Feb 1865 after Peter died. She then was listed with Daniel and daughter Margaret Motts (Marts) in 1870.

Find-a-Grave
Rebecca J Marts is on find-a-grave buried in Iowa, her tombstone says she was the wife of Peter Marts. Their daughter Margaret shares that tombstone.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Marts, 16 born IN, Van Buren, Madison, IN -- lives with Reuben Allen 27 and his family.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Marts, 26, Cedar, Lucas, IA, Rebecca J 27, Mary E 7, Margaret E 1, Isaac Richards 61, John Riley 20.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Rebecca J Salyers, 40, Caldwell, Appanoose, IA, Daniel Salyers 65, Mary Whitcum 17, Margaret Motts 11.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Rebecca Sulyords, 51, Liberty, Putnam, MO, Margaret E Sulyords 21.

Name:	**Andrew J Marts (P5e2b)**[1,2]
Birth:	20 Jan 1839
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	9 Feb 1921
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Sigourney East, Sigourney, IA
Father:	Charles Martz (P5e2) (1811-)
Other spouses:	Martha A Beasley

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Charles had a son known as Andrew J in the 1850 Census. I found him in Iowa on a marriage record which said his father was Charles Marts and his mother Elizabeth Megill. He is designated P5e2b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Andrew J is on find-a-grave.

Spouse:	**Eliza C Pfaff**
Birth:	1842
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	8 Sep 1861
Marr Memo:	(Iowa Marriages @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	1880
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Sigourney East, Sigourney, IA

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Andrew Mortz, 28, Van Buren, Keokuk, IA, Eliza 26, Nancy 12, Idd 1.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Andrew Marts, 41, Van Buren, Keokuk, IA, Eliza C 37, Nancy E 17, Ila 11, Ira 9, (unnamed) 5, Caroline C 2.

Name: **Samuel Marts (P5e2c)**[1,2]

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Birth: 7 Jun 1851
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 19 Feb 1930
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Steele Cemetery, Richardson Co, NE
Father: Charles Marts (P5e2) (1811-~1865)
Mother: Lucinda Harty

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Samuel as the son of Charles from his presence with Charles in the 1860 Census, He was born in 1851 and so just misses my pre-1850 cutoff for persons I feel compelled to track but I make an exception for Samuel since Eric Marts, whose wife is Hannah, is a descendant.

Hannah has shared her findings with me on some of the Indiana Marts family and the closely related Pickaway County, Ohio Martzes as well. Plus, Eric's father is a participant in the Mertz-Martz DNA Project.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1860, Samuel lived with his parents in Iowa, in 1870 he was listed in Kansas working on the railroad.

In 1873, Samuel married Martha Mauck in Holt, Missouri. They were reported on the 1875 Kansas Census with 3-month-old son Charles W in Doniphan County, Kansas.

By 1900 the family had moved to Nebraska. I cannot find them in 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Samuel and Martha are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Martha Ellen Mauck**

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Birth: 26 Apr 1853
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Marriage: 13 Oct 1873 Holt Co, MO
Marr Memo: (Missouri Marriages, Ancestry.com)
Death: 5 May 1935
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Steele Cemetery, Richardson Co, NE

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 20, Richmond, Nemaha, KS -- lives with other RR Laborers in a boarding house.
2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Samuel Marks, 50, Falls City, Richardson, NE, Martha E 47, Earl 15.

Name: **Moses Martz (P5e3)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	27 May 1812	Pickaway Co, OH
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	17 Feb 1899	Hamilton Co, IN
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN	
Father:	Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)	
Mother:	Christena Myers (1790-1879)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Moses is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. He is designated P5e3.

Death and Find-a-Grave
On Moses' find-a-grave memorial, there is a newspaper clipping originally from the Indianapolis News wherein Isaac Martz told the story of he and his twin brother Moses, both born 27 May 1812 in Pickaway County, Ohio and that they married twin sisters: he to Levina McCormick, Moses to Tabitha.

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Known Sons
Moses had three sons born before the 1850 Census. I am unable to track Cornelius further than 1860 when he still lived with his father. The other two were:

P5e3a John born 1835
P5e3b Nicholas born 1845

Moses had several other sons born after 1850, including twin sons he named Moses and Isaac.

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Spouse: **Tabitha McCormick**

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Birth:	27 Feb 1816
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	14 Nov 1905
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN

Parent-Proof
Her name is given on the marriage record of her son Clayton.

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Moses Marts, Jackson Twp, Hamilton Co, PA, <5M (2), 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F .
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Moses Marts, 35, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Tobitha 34, John 15, Cornelous 12, Mary C 10, Eliza A 10, Nichlous 4, Emeline 2.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Moses Martz 48, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Tabitha 44, Cornelius 21, Mary C 18, Eliza Ann 15, Nicholas 13, Emeline 12, Christina 9, Peter 9, Arminda 7, Isaac 2, Moses 2.

4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Moses Marts, 58, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Tabitha 54, Cathrine 29, Peter 19, Arminda 15, Moses 12, Isaac 12, Jennie Rogerson.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Moses Martz, 68, Arcadia, Hamilton, IN, Tabitha 64, M Alice 17, Albert E 18, Jennie B Rogerson 12.

Name: **John C Martz (P5e3a)**[1]

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Birth:	26 Aug 1835
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	31 Jul 1874
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Point, Kokomo, IN
Father:	Moses Martz (P5e3) (1812-1899)
Mother:	Tabitha McCormick (1816-1905)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know John as a son of Moses from his presence in his father's household in 1850. He is designated P5e3a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I can find John in 1860 but not 1870.

Death and Find-a-Grave
John and his wife Susan are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Susan M Johnson**

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Marriage:	17 Apr 1859
Marr Memo:	(Indiana Marriages @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	24 Jun 1896
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Point, Kokomo, IN

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 23, Jackson, Hamilton IN, Susan 20.

Name: **Nicholas Martz (P5e3b)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1845
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1912
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN
Father: Moses Martz (P5e3) (1812-1899)
Mother: Tabitha McCormick (1816-1905)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Nicholas as a son of Moses from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He s designated P5e3b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
A biography/obituary is given for him on find-a-grave. He was the mayor of Tipton, IN.

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Nicholas Marts, 24, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Elizabeth 26, Charles 3, Mary 8m, James Walker 29.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Nicholas S Martz, 33, Windfall, Tipton, IN, Mary E 24, Charley M 12, Minnie 6.

Name: **Isaac Martz (P5e4)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	27 May 1812 Pickaway Co, OH
Birth Memo:	(his twin brother's birth date on find-a-grave)
Death:	2 Sep 1898 Hamilton Co, IN
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Brethren Cemetery, Arcadia, IN
Father:	Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)
Mother:	Christena Myers (1790-1879)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Isaac is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. He is designated P5e4.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Isaac and Levina are on find-a-grave.

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Known Sons
His sons in the 1850 Census were: Lewis 15, William 13, Isaac 9, James 4, Henry 3 and Charles 1.

I have found and tracked them all and all are designated.

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Spouse: **Levina McCormick**

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Birth:	27 Feb 1816
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	14 Feb 1897
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Arcadia, Hamilton Co, IN

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Isaac Martz, Jackson Twp, Hamilton Co, IN, <5 (3), 20-29M, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Isaac Marts, 37, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Louisa (Lavina) 34, Louisa (Lewis) 15, William 13, Isaac 9, Eliza 8, Sarah 6, James 4, Henry 3, Charls 1.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Isaac Marts, 47, Centre North, Marion, IN, Malvina 44 (next door), Lewis 25, Rachel 22, Isaac 20, Elizah 17, Sarah 16, James 15, Henry 13, Charles 11, Elizabeth 9, Martha 2 .
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Oscar Marts, 58, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Lavina 55, Sarah 25, Elizabeth 18, Charles W 21, Anna 13, Francis Roberson 4, Bethiar Ring 74.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Isaac Martz, 68, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Levina 64, Elizabeth 28, Anna 23, Franklin Rogserson 14.

Name: **Lewis Watson Martz (P5e4a)**[1,2,3]

Birth:	29 Aug 1836
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	26 Mar 1922
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Point, Kokomo, IN
Father:	Isaac Martz (P5e4) (1812-1898)
Mother:	Levina McCormick (1816-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Lewis as Isaac's son since he lived with his father in 1850 (though his name transcribed as Louisa) and in 1860 he lived next door to his parents and his household included all the rest of Isaac's children from the 1850 Census. Lewis is designated P5e4a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Lewis and both his wives are on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Martha Magali Trobaugh**

Birth:	18 Sep 1838
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	25 Oct 1862
Marr Memo:	(Indiana Marriages @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	27 Sep 1917
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Point, Kokomo, IN

Parent-Proof
Martha was his second wife, he married first Rachel Bratton in 1858. According to her find-a-grave memorial, she was the daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Krouse) Trobaugh.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Lewis Marts, 25, Centre North, Marion, IN, was the next door neighbor of his parents, but all his siblings lived with him.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Lewis W Martz, 32, Kokomo, Howard, IN, Martha 30, Indiana 4, Dora 2.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), L W Martz, 44, Union, Howard, IN, Martha 41, Ind L 13, Dora A 12, Mary M 9, Edgar L 6.

Name: **William Martz (P5e4b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 1 Mar 1837
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 8 Aug 1921
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN
Father: Isaac Martz (P5e4) (1812-1898)
Mother: Levina McCormick (1816-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know William as the son of Isaac from his presence in his father's household in 1850. The he married second Missouri Kemptner, his parents names were given. He is designated P5e4b.

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Spouse: **Martha E Jones**

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Birth: 21 Apr 1835
Death: 24 Apr 1892
Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Hamilton Co, IN

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Wiliam M Martz, 23, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Martha 25, Isaac N 4m, Susan Purkey 19.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Marts, 33, Jackson, Hamlton, IN, Martha 35, Isaac N 10, Martha E 3.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Martz 43, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Martha 45, Isaac N 20, Mattie 13, Eudora 6.

Name: **Isaac Milton Martz (P5e4c)**[1]

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Birth:	8 Oct 1840
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	7 Aug 1916
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN
Father:	Isaac Martz (P5e4) (1812-1898)
Mother:	Levina McCormick (1816-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Isaac as Isaac's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He married in 1865 but I am unable to find him in the 1870 Census. By 1880, he had moved to Howard County, Indiana. When he died in 1916, he was buried in Indianapolis. On find-a-grave, it gives his full name as Isaac Milton Martz and links him to his parents.

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Spouse: **Sarah Elizabeth Dickover**

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Birth:	4 Jul 1849
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	17 Dec 1865 Hamilton, IN
Marr Memo:	(Indiana Marriages 1800-1941, Ancestry.com)
Death:	1937
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN

Parent-Proof

Her name, with various spellings, can be found on their marriage record and several forms associated with their children. This spelling came from find-a-grave.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Isaac M Martz, 39, Center, Howard, IN, Sarah E 31, Row E 10, Sygourna M 5, Howard W 2.

Name: **James Monroe Martz (P5e4d)**[1]

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Birth: 28 Dec 1845
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 10 Jan 1928
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Arcadia, Hamilton Co, IN
Father: Isaac Martz (P5e4) (1812-1898)
Mother: Levina McCormick (1816-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know James as a son of Isaac since he was living in his father's household in 1850 and with his siblings in 1860. He is designated P5e4d.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I'm not sure I've found him in the 1870 Census since the name of his wife seems wrong. I can't find him in 1880.

Death and Find-a-Grave
James and his wife Eudora are on find-a-grave. I know sol little about him, I wasn't sure until I read the obituary of his daughter linked to him. It recounts the story that twins Isaac and Moses married twins and adds that each couple had seven sons and five daughters.

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Spouse: **Eudora Belle Willits**

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Birth: 28 Feb 1852
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 20 Jan 1930
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Arcadia, Hamilton Co, IN

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), James Martz, 25, Franklin, Montgomery, IN, Eliza A 25, Mary E 2, Perry F 11m.

Name:	**Henry Clay Martz (P5e4e)**[1]
Birth:	3 Sep 1847
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	12 May 1936
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City, IN
Father:	Isaac Martz (P5e4) (1812-1898)
Mother:	Levina McCormick (1816-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Henry as Isaac's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. His Indiana death certificate confirms this giving his parents names as Isaac and Febinas (?) Martz.

I am unable to find him in the 1870 Census. By 1880, he had moved to Michigan City, Indiana where he was buried when he died in 1936. On find-a-grave, it gives his full name as Henry Clay Martz and links him to his parents.

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Spouse:	**Eliza Battye Mellon**
Birth:	1 Aug 1857
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	17 May 1911
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City, IN

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Henry C Martz, 30, Michigan City, La Porte, IN, Eliza B, 23.

Name: **Charles W Martz (P5e4f)**[1]

Birth:	26 Feb 1849
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	4 May 1912
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN
Father:	Isaac Martz (P5e4) (1812-1898)
Mother:	Levina McCormick (1816-1897)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Charles as Isaac's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 to 1870. His Indiana death certificate confirms this giving his parents names as Isaac and Levina Martz.

By 1880, he had married and moved to Indianapolis where he was buried when he died in 1912.

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Spouse: **Sarah (Sadie) E Clements**

Birth:	Mar 1850
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1911
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	25 Sep 1872 Marion Co, IN
Marr Memo:	(Indiana Marriage Index 1800-1941 on Ancestry.com)
Burial:	Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), C W Martz, 31, Indianapolis, Marion, IN, Sadie 30.

Name: **Gideon Martz (P5e5)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	22 Apr 1823
Birth Memo:	(age 70y 4m 28d on find-a-grave)
Death:	20 Sep 1893
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Cicero Cememtery, Hamilton Co, IN
Father:	Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)
Mother:	Christena Myers (1790-1879)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Gideon is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. He is designated P5e5.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Gideon and his wife Diana are on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
His only son born before 1850 was Isaac born about 1844. But he never lived on his own by 1880 so is not designated.

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Spouse: **Diana J**

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Birth:	1829
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	9 Aug 1892
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Cicero Cememtery, Hamilton Co, IN

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Gidon Marts, 26, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Dianah 21, Isaac 6, Lovina 1.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Gideon Martz, 37, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Dinah 31, Isaac L 15, Savanna 10, Squire J C 3.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Gideon Marts, 47, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Diana J 40, Isaac F 25, Saranali 21, Squire J C 13, Rebecca A 9, Wiliam S.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Gideon Martz, 57, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Dianna J 52, Isaac 36, Squire 23, Rebecca 19, Sherman 15.

Name: **Samuel Martz (P5e6)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	1828	Indiana
Death:	bef 1894	
Father:	Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)	
Mother:	Christena Myers (1790-1879)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Samuel is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. He lived with Peter in 1850. He is designated P5e6.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

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

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 32, Jackson, Hamilton, IN, Mary 32, Emma 8, Linville 6 .

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 42, Chester, Wells, IN, Mary 42, Linville 13, Lewis 11, Eli E 5, unnamed 3m.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 54, Keystone, Wells, IN, Mary Jane 52, Eli E 14, Anny 10.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P5e7)**[1,2]

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Birth:	20 Jul 1831
Birth Memo:	(age 32y, 10m, 10d on find-a-grave)
Death:	30 May 1864
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	East Germantown Lutheran, Wayne Co, IN
Father:	Peter Martz (P5e) (1789-1872)
Mother:	Christena Myers (1790-1879)

Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob is on find-a-grave, his wife Rebecca Nation (her second married name) is there too.

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Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Jacob is named as a son of Peter by descendants of this family. He lived with Peter in 1850. He is designated P5e7.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Marts, 27, Posey, Fayette, IN, Rebecca A 25, Sarah A 6, George 1.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Rebecca Marts, 37, Posey, Fayette, IN, Sarah A 16, George 11, Rebecca J 6.

Name: **Jacob Mertz (P6)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	abt 1755	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Death:	bef 22 Feb 1803[4]	
Death Memo:	(date will proved)	
Father:	5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)	
Mother:	5G GM Catharina	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

A very interesting baptism record exists at Longswamp Reformed Church. On 2 Oct 1774, David Mertz son of Jacob and wife was baptized, sponsored by David Mertz and Barbara Muller.

Things would have been clearer had the mother been named. On earlier records, when Jacob Mertz was the father, Magdalena was the mother. Starting in 1776, when Jacob was the father, the mother was Margaretha. So, were the baptisms before 1774 and after 1776 the same Jacob, just with two different wives? Did Magdalena die and Margaretha become his second wife? The answer to those questions, after all the analysis I have done, is clearly no. There were two different Jacobs of Longswamp -- but the proposition that it was just one with two different wives had to be at least considered.

So, which Jacob was the father of David baptized 1774? The answer to that too is clear. There is a David Martz buried in Sunbury, PA with birth date from his tombstone 13 Sep 1774. The other Jacob who was older also had a son David but that David was born more like 1765 or so. So, it is my conclusion that the parents on this record were Jacob and Margaretha (Miller) Mertz. The sponsors were Jacob's brother David and Margaretha's sister (I believe) Barbara and David and Barbara will soon marry. These four people will stay closely connected the remainder of their lives.

One more thing is known for sure. The older Jacob, the one whose wife was Magdalena, was the son of Nicholas. So, by the simple process of elimination, the younger Jacob was the son of Hans Peter.

So the remaining question is when was he born? Some of his brothers were listed on the 1767 tax list as single. Single or married doesn't matter but the point is they were old enough to be listed and I assume 21 was the threshold age. So I date them to the mid-1740's. Jacob, as best I can find, was never named on any Longswamp tax list, assuming the mention of just one Jacob on each list was his older cousin of the same name.

We get a possible clue from the 1800 Census when Jacob was reported as 26-45, meaning born after 1755. But he had his first child in 1774, was he really only 19 on that occasion? His brother Nicholas was born in 1748 and his brother Abraham, I believe, was the youngest and born maybe 1758. Jacob seems clearly to fit in between. So I have gone with a 1755 birth (though it could have been a year or two earlier) and he is designated P6.

Relocated and Census Tracking

THE OTHER AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP MERTZES. J L Floyd and Joseph A Meiser both document that Jacob Mertz bought farm number three in the Manor Pomfret (the land near Sunbury set aside by the Penns for their benefit when Northumberland County began to be settled) from the Penn family, deed recorded 18 Jul 1793. It was this particular Jacob who did so, the one married to Margaretha. He was the brother of David Mertz who bought farm number two.

However, both Floyd and Meiser totally missed the fact that there were several different Jacobs first in Berks County and then in Northumberland County and have simplified things by merging the different Jacobs into one man. Anything any of them did became events in the life of just this one "composite" man.

In the 1790 Census and tax records of Northumberland County, there was mention of two men named Jacob Mertz. Yet a third still lived in Rockland Township, Berks County -- he being the son of John Henry Mertz. One of the two in Northumberland County was referred to as Jacob Sr., the other curiously was NOT referred to as Jr. The two Jacobs were cousins. The older of the two was the son of Nicholas and at times called John Jacob, the younger was the son of Hans Peter and almost always only called Jacob.

It is difficult to prove absolutely which of the two 1790 Census listings -- Jacob Sr. and Jacob -- was which:

- Both of them, by 1790, had a son named Jacob, not yet an adult. So either might have been considered Jacob Sr.
- Jacob Sr. was listed on the same Census page (no township identified) — in fact immediately adjacent to — David, Conrad and Peter Mertz. On the one hand, that argues for Jacob Sr. being the older Jacob as his son Conrad moved with him to Northumberland County. On the other hand, it could instead be argued that Jacob Sr. was really the younger Jacob in this case since we know he and David ended up buying farms number two and three in Pomfret Manor — but the deed date of 1793 suggests that was a later event.
- I cannot distinguish one from the other using the counts of other people in the household. Jacob Sr., in addition to himself, had two younger males and four females. Not Jacob Jr. had, in addition to himself, 6 younger males and 6 females.

I'm not aware of that many sons for either of the Jacobs but that last point may still slightly tilt the scale in favor of concluding that Jacob Sr. was the older one as I only know of two sons (in addition to Conrad) of his: Jacob Jr. and David. And I am less sure of just how many sons the younger Jacob may have had. But the younger Jacob had, in fact, baptized six daughters in the years 1776-1783 at Longswamp Reformed.

But I think two more points make me somewhat confident in concluding that Jacob Sr. was indeed the older one.

- Jacob Welsh (Welch) was also listed on the same page as Jacob Sr. Welch was the son-in-law of the older Jacob.
- Jacob —i.e. NOT Jacob Jr. — was listed on a different page, apart somewhat from all the other Northumberland Mertzes. A neighbor was Christian Shissler, the father I think of three children who would marry three of Jacob's children.

In a way it doesn't matter which was which, the key point is that there were two of them. That strongly suggests that these were the two we know from Longswamp Township, now both in Northumberland County, along with other members of their families. Most other sources purporting to identify the early Pioneer Mertzes of Northumberland County never understood they were all Longswamp Mertzes. Most other sources don't even acknowledge there were two separate Jacobs. They may refer to Jacob in the Northumberland 1790 Census but wouldn't place him as coming from the Longswamp clan, or if they did would suggest he was the man known as John Jacob, son of Nicholas, ignoring totally the other Jacob. (The reader is referred to a white paper on my website Jacob Mærtz Disambiguation that, in addition to profiling the three older Jacobs of the 1790 Census — including the one

that stayed in Rockland Township, Berks County — also covers the other eight or so Jacob Mertz born in the 1770's in Berks County and any number of additional non-Berks Jacobs.)

Jacob, son of Nicholas, was only "passing through" Northumberland County in 1790 and he would move before 1800 to western NY State, taking Conrad and Jacob Welch with him. The younger Jacob stayed in Northumberland County and died there in 1803 leaving a widow Margaretha.

In 1800, Jacob Martz lived in Augusta Township, a neighbor was David, his brother I believe. Even though his son David was living on his own, Jacob's household still included six younger males — 2 sons in each age bracket 0-9, 10-15, 16-24 -- more sons than I can account for. (It's possible a married child was still living at home and some of the youngest persons actually Jacob's grandchildren). Jacob died in 1803. In 1810, we find Margaret Martz and two David Martz in Augusta Township — her brother-in-law and her son. Two males 16-25 lived with her.

This line of the family came almost exclusively to have their name spelled Martz once they had moved to Northumberland County.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob wrote his will 30 Jan 1803. He was a resident of Augusta Township. His wife was Margaret. He described his land as adjoining the land of David Mertz, his brother I assume who also witnessed his will. He named his wife Margaret and son David as his Executors. He did not name any other children, but said they were to share and share alike when his land was eventually sold after Margaret's death. His will was witnessed by two men, Andrious Heyn and David Mertz. There is one place in the witnessing statement where their names appear Andrious Heyn David Mertz and this is the erroneous basis by which Allen Donald Tallman asserts that David was Heyn David or Heinrich David. That assertion is pure fiction.

Discrepancies
There was a Northumberland County Orphans Court record from the July 1804 session wherein John Geist administrator of Jacob Mertz petitioned the court to appoint guardians for Jacob's eight children: Thomas, John, Catharine, Maria, Nancy, Peggy, Elizabeth and Susannah -- all minors.

From the timing, it would seem obvious this must have been Jacob (P6) who died in 1803 but the names of the children never made sense to me nor that he had that many minor children when he died. A follow-up petition in January 1806 to dismiss John Geist as guardian for John and Rebecca spelled the last name March. And indeed, in the 1800 Census in Penns Township, Northumberland County, we find Jacob March. I don't know who he was but I'm not sure I need to know.

There was an extra John Martz in Census in Augusta Township in 1820-1840 that I also can't identify. I'm guessing he was the son of Jacob March.

Since the name Mertz (Martz) was derived from the German word for the third month of the year (März), the surname was sometimes was spelled March in America. I don't think that's the case here, this was a family unrelated to any of the early immigrants named Mertz.

Known Daughters
I know a little more about two of Jacob's daughters: Catharina who married Christian Shissler Jr. and Magdalena who married Samuel Lantz.

Some people believe there was a third daughter, Maria Eva, because a Maria Eva Mertz, daughter of Jacob and unnamed wife, was baptized on 2 Jun 1782 at Longswamp. But I believe that Maria Eva baptized on that day was the daughter of the other Jacob. She moved, I believe, with her father eventually to upper New York State and with others of her family still later to Erie County, PA and is buried in Erie County as Maria Eva (Marts) Fritts, wife of Christian.

Of the two known daughters, Magdalena is of most interest to me. Her granddaughter Susan M Hummel married Frank P Waldron. Susan was the granddaughter too of John Hummel from Freeburg whose wife was Susan Hilbish. John's son Henry, Susan's father, married Sarah Lantz, daughter of Samuel and Magdalena (Martz) Lantz.

This is a very interesting family. Susan M (Hummel) Waldron and her siblings and all of their descendants are related to me in any number of ways. They share my ancestors Hans Peter Mertz the immigrant and his wife, John Jacob Hummel and Eva Marie deTurk and Peter Hilbish and Susanna Schell. I am related to them in three different ways, not unlike the Amermans who also share my Hummel, Hilbish and Mertz ancestors.

Known Sons
Jacob and Margaretha baptized two sons at Longswamp Reformed, David in 1774 and John Henry in 1775.

David for sure survived and lived out his years in Northumberland County. He married Magdalena Shissler and they had many children and many descendants. He is designated P6a.

I know nothing more about John Henry, I suspect he died young. But based on the 1790, 1800 and 1810 Census tick marks, there may have been other sons.

I strongly believe there was a son Jacob. I actually have two good candidates who may have been that son. One of them was born in 1779 and ended up in Columba County. The other was born in 1777 and ended up in Dauphin County.

The Jacob who ended up in Dauphin County was believed by early Northumberland County genealogists to have originated in Northumberland County and Jacob is the best candidate to be his father. But I think the evidence is more compelling that the one who ended up in Columbia County was in fact the older Jacob's son. Columbia Jacob is designated P6b and for now, Dauphin Jacob is designated U1 (U meaning father unidentified).

Which brings me to John. I think there was a John Martz who lived in Augusta Township and since David had a son John whose life I can account for, and I don't otherwise know who this John was, I am guessing he was Jacob's son. John is designated P6c.

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Spouse: **Margaretha Miller**[5]

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Death: bef 23 Nov 1811 Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: Jacob Miller

Mother: Magdalena

Parent-Proof
David Mertz and Jacob Mertz were brothers, grandsons of David Mertz, the 1733 immigrant who settled in Longswamp Township, Berks County. The whole family worshiped at the Longswamp Reformed Church until the late 1780's when many of them, including David and Jacob, moved to Northumberland County, PA where their last name came to be spelled Martz forevermore.

Early genealogical sources say that David and Jacob married sisters, Barbara and Margaretha Miller. We do know from church records, wills and Census listings for each widow after her husband had died that David's wife was most definitely Barbara and Jacob's wife was Margaretha. And I think it is quite clear they were both maiden name Miller.

But like many things we encounter in genealogy, the source of the supposed fact that they were sisters is elusive and it is hard to find any documents available to us today that give us any hard evidence of it.

Here is what we can prove from existing documents:

1. We do know there were two baptisms at Longswamp Reformed where the named sponsors were Barbara Miller (single) and David Mertz (single) in 1774 and 1776. A pattern I have noticed in many cases is that such a record sometimes is a precursor to a later marriage.

2. I have seen a formal baptism record for Magdalena Martz, daughter of Jacob and Margaretha, which says (edited by me): *"To this husband and wife, Jacob Martz and his wedded wife Makretha born Miller, there is born a daughter being Magdalena in the year 1782 on the 10th day of October....Sponsors are Jacob Miller and his wife Magdalena."*

3. There are several baptisms at Longswamp Reformed where two single people, one named Mertz, one Miller, were named sponsors. Plus there were baptisms of a child of Jacob or David where the sponsors were someone named Miller and their wife. For example, Christian Miller and wife Barbara sponsored the baptism of David's son David in 1784 and Jacob Miller and wife Magdalena sponsored the baptism of Jacob's son Jacob in 1783. Clearly, the two families were quite close.

4. David and Jacob Martz were perhaps up to 10 years apart in age and yet they too were very close. They bought side-by-side farms in Northumberland County from the Penns.

It is the fact that Jacob Miller and wife Magdalena were the sponsors for both Jacob and Margaretha's son Jacob and daughter Magdalena that has given me the idea that perhaps Jacob and Magdalena were Margaretha's parents. It's possible too that perhaps Jacob Miller was Margaretha's brother, but then Magdalena Martz was named for the wife of her mother's brother, it seems more likely she was named for her grandmother. **[See also Barbara Miller, wife of David Martz (P2)]**

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Census History
1810. Margaret Mertz lived in Augusta Township. This was a key record when I was trying to sort out which Jacob moved on to NY State and which stayed in Northumberland County. Clearly the Jacob who died in Augusta Township in 1803 was the one married to Margaretha.

Margaret had two males age 16-25 living with her, it was neither David who was living on his own nor Jacob for the same reason. So one possibility worthy of mention would be William Martz who was born in 1792. There was such a man and I don't know for sure who his father was but my best guess is William was Jacob's grandson, son of David.

Sources

1. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Jacob Martz, North'd Co, PA, 1,6,6 (or might be Jacob Mertz Sr. same place).
2. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jacob Martz, Augusta, North'd Co, PA, 2/0, 2/0, 2/3, 1/1, 0/0.
3. Published Family Histories. "IBID. Tallman." Tallman attempts to document that Jacob and David Mertz were indeed brothers, using David's signature on different documents. I get that it is the same David but can't follow how it proves they are brothers.
4. Probate Records "Northumberland County," Repository: Courthouse, Sunbury, PA, Wills, Estate Files, Valerie Mertz copied these, Will of Jacob Mertz. 30 Jan 1803-22 Feb 1803. Also found in Tallman. Wife Margaret and son and neighbor David and reference made to other unnamed children.
5. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Margaret Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 0/0, 0/1, 2/0, 0/0, 0/1.

Name: **David Martz (P6a)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

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Birth: 13 Sep 1774 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo: (Meiser transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Death: 26 May 1843[8]
Death Memo: (Meiser transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Burial: Penns Cemetery, Sunbury, PA
Father: Jacob Mertz (P6) (~1755-<1803)
Mother: Margaretha Miller (-<1811)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
David Mertz was baptized 2 Oct 1774 at Longswamp Reformed by Jacob and wife. I believe the father was the man I call NOT Jacob Jr. and his wife Margaretha. The sponsors were: David Mertz and Barbara Muller -- Jacob's brother and his soon-to-be-wife, Barbara, Margaretha's sister.

This David, baptized 2 Oct 1774, is no doubt the same David who was buried in Penns Cemetery in Sunbury with date of birth on his tombstone of 13 Sep 1774. He is designated P6a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
There are multiple David Martz to keep track of in Census in Northumberland County. This David had an Uncle David, born about 1745, and a cousin, David, born 1784 and then several still younger Davids in the next generation.

But their birth years do make it possible to distinguish them. In 1800, this David was age bracket 16-26, living in or near Sunbury. In 1810, though he was called David Jr., he was age bracket 26-45 (the youngest David would have been 25, arguably pretty close). In 1820, this one was 45+ (the youngest David 36). In 1830, this David was age 50-60 and in 1840 age 60-70 -- always consistent with his birth year of 1774 and inconsistent with the birth year of the youngest David.

Other than the 1800 instance where he lived in Sunbury, he otherwise lived always in Augusta Township.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
A death notice in the "Sunbury American" newspaper said David died 26 May 1843 at age about 70 years.

I have a copy of the Registrar's transcription of David's will written 16 May 1842. It proved 16 Jun 1843. He left everything to his wife Magdalena and then after her death (or remarriage) it was to pass on equally to all his children. He named only two of his children, leaving some specific pieces of furniture to his daughter Ann Eliza and his son David was named Executor. Witnesses were FP Schwartz, Jacob Martz and Joseph Martz.

The only Joseph Martz I know of who could possibly have been a witness was Joseph, son of Jacob of Catawissa, Columbia County. Joseph was born in 1807, thus old enough to be a witness. I believe the other witness, Jacob, was his father. This whole realization adds evidence to my belief that David's family visited back and forth with Jacob's and that Jacob of Catawissa was none other than David's brother.

Known Daughters
There is much more information about five of David's daughters in my database. Catherine, Sarah, Mary, Susan and Charity. I should note that I am basing the fact of their existence as daughters of David all on the work of Joseph Meiser.

Charity is especially noteworthy as she married Peter Helwig — from Columbia County. Her name will come up in my discussion of her Uncle Jacob as she is part of my argument too that Jacob was David's brother and the two families visited back and forth.

There were two additional daughters that I don't know much about: Hester and Ann Eliza. Ann Eliza was the only daughter actually named in her father's will. She was given specific pieces of furniture. I would think based on that his other daughters were already married by 1842 when David wrote his will. But that explanation leaves out Hester who appears not to have married either and died after 1842.

Known Sons
David and Magdalena had a large family and their children were well covered by Meiser and Tallman and I have no reason to disagree with what is said in those sources. His sons for sure were: David, Jacob and Charles. Meiser adds a note that Gearhart suggests another son may have been John. I think that makes sense and I treat John too as a son of David.

But there is one other early Martz who just "pops up" in the 1820 Census in Shamokin Township named William Martz who, from his age as given in the 1850 and 1860 Census, if correct, was born in 1792 or 1793. William died and was buried in Peoria County, Illinois in 1861 where he had gone to live near two of his married daughters who had moved there with their husbands. No birth date nor age at death was stated on his tombstone but I'm quite sure it is the grave of William born about 1792.

William is a mystery man. I do not know who his father was. He is of special interest to me because, according to Dorothy (Shuck) Amerman, he apparently was the ancestor of her husband George Amerman and I have always been fascinated by the fact that their son Yank, a friend of my sister's, shares my Mertz, Hummel and Hilbish ancestry.

Dorothy believed that George descended from William's son Samuel and she said William was born in 1792 and was the son of David and Magdalena (Shissler) Martz. The problem is that Magdalena would only have been 14 years old and David 18. It just doesn't make sense. But it is interesting that David had one son, under 10, reported in 1800. Of the sons of David's we know of for sure, the oldest was born in 1802. So I have placed William as David's son in my database until better information comes along to clarify things and I truly have no better idea. I should note, though, there was no son of the right age to be William in David's 1810 household.

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Spouse:	**Magdalena Shissler**

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Birth:	19 Sep 1778
Birth Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Death:	1 Dec 1846
Death Memo:	(Meiser transcription of Penns Cemetery)

Burial: Penns Cemetery, Sunbury, PA[9]
Father: Christian Shissler (-<1825)

Parent-Proof
We know his wife was named Magdalena and all sources say she was Magdalena Shissler. Meiser calls her Mary M Shissler in his transcription of Penns Cemetery in Sunbury.

Children Names
Two children of this couple, John and Catherine, married Elizabeth and Henry Richstine who were brother and sister and children of John Richstine and Susan Mertz. Susan was the daughter of David Mertz and Barbara Miller. Could anything be more interwoven? The two married couples -- John Mertz and Elizabeth Richstine on the one hand and Catherine Mertz and Henry Richstine on the other -- were second cousins in two different ways. All were grandchildren of Hans Peter Mertz, father of Jacob Mertz and David Mertz and all were also grandchildren of Jacob Miller, since Jacob and David Mertz each married a daughter of Jacob Miller's. It is confusing.

Sources
1. Published Family Histories. Author: IBID. Meiser "Martz/Mertz". Meiser lists many more children of David Mertz than Floyd. While I find this source to be very confused on the ancestry of the first generation of North'd County Mertzes, I believe their biographies of their descendants to be more factual.
2. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. David Mertz, birth date not given, bp 2 Oct 1774 s/o Jacob and wife, David Mertz, Barbara Muller sponsors.
3. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), David Martz, Sunbury, North'd Co, PA, 1/0, 0/0, 1/0, 0/1, 0/0.
4. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), David Martz Jr., Augusta Twp North'd Co, 2/5, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
5. 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), David Martz Jr., Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 3/2, 0/3, 2/0, 1, 0/1, 1/0.
6. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), David Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M, 50-59M, 10-14F, 15-19F, 50-59F.
7. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), David Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 10-14M, 60-69M, 20-29F (2), 60-69F.
8. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Penns (Old Sunbury), Spruce St, Sunbury, PA, 1980, Repository: LDS Film, David Mertz. Dates as stated herein. Said to be s/o Jacob and Margaret Miller.
9. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, Penns (Old Sunbury), Spruce St, Sunbury, PA, 1980, Repository: LDS Film, She is named Mary M Shissler with dates as stated herein, wife of David Mertz s/o Jacob and Margaret Miller.

Name: **William Martz (P6a1)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	abt 1792	North'd Co, PA
Death:	21 Oct 1861[6]	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	Elmwood Cemetery, Peoria Co, IL	
Father:	David Martz (P6a) (1774-1843)	
Mother:	Magdalena Shissler (1778-1846)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

William Mertz is a mystery man. The earliest documented evidence of him was the 1820 Census, when he was 26-44 [born prior to 1794]. He then was 30-39 in 1830 [1790's], 40-49 in 1840 [1790's], 58 in 1850 [1792] and 67 in 1860 [1793]. So all indications are that he was born in the early 1790's. His tombstone doesn't help, it gives his date of death but not, apparently, his date of birth nor age at death.

Joseph A Meiser said that William was the son of David Martz and Magdalena Shissler as did Dorthy Amerman whose husband, she said, descended from William's son Samuel. But there really is quite a big problem with this assertion that he was the son of David and Magdalena — her date of birth is given on her tombstone and it was 1778, she would only have been 14 or 15 years old (and David, by the way, 18 or 19) in 1792. It just doesn't make sense.

Meiser, I think, was accepting the work of Dorothy Amerman as to William's parentage but then realized the problem that Magdalena would have been too young to have a child in 1792, so he punted on the date, saying: *"1794-1802, his exact birth date is unknown"*. Meiser offers no evidence to support any date later than 1792 or 1793. Dorothy apparently never considered the issue of Magdalena's age, as she had no problem with assigning a 1792 birth date to William.

I have considered all other possibilities that I could think of and in the end I have no better theory as to who William's father was. He is designated P6a1. Over time I hope to better document William's life.

J L Floyd said this about William Mertz. *"William Mertz was born in eastern Pennsylvania where his father, a native of Germany settled. He lived for a number of years at Snydertown where he farmed and followed the blacksmith trade. When about 60 years old he went to Illinois with his daughters Sarah, wife of Leonard Wagner, and Lydia, wife of John Kline, and there lived at Elmwood in Peoria County until his death when he was about 75. He married an Evert. He had six children: John, Kate married John Miller, Lydia, Sarah, Daniel (who lived and died at Sunbury and had children William J and Mary) and Jacob who settled in southern Missouri. Jacob's children were: Belle, Charles, Hattie, Fletcher, Maggie and Emma."*

Meiser in Martz/Mertz also covers William. *"William Martz son of David Martz Sr. and Magdalena Shissler, was born during the years 1794-1802. His exact birth date is unknown. He must have been the William Martz, a blacksmith and farmer who resided in Snydertown. He married Elizabeth Evert. Following her death, William moved to Illinois with his daughters Lydia Kline and Sarah Wagner. He resided in Elmwood, Peoria County, IL until his death about 1867."* Meiser shows the same six children as Floyd and adds Samuel, William, Maria and Louisa.

Clearly Meiser and Floyd have certain facts wrong. His daughter who married Leonard Wagner appears (from Census and her tombstone) to have been named Mary. And also, from Census, William was born in about 1792 or 1793.

The idea that he moved to Illinois is correct. Indeed, we also find Mary Wagner, died 1864, and Lydia Kline, died 1867, buried in Elmwood. But he moved in about 1861 when he was about 70 and died there very soon thereafter.

I don't think either Meiser or Floyd figured out who his children really were.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In the 1810 Census, John Martz, son of David (who married Barbara Miller) became the first ever and at that time only Martz in Shamokin Township.

In 1820, John was no longer present but Widow Martz was and William Martz also now appeared in Shamokin Township. And he was also there in 1830 and 1840.

Because there is also some confusion as to the names of William's children, I have tried to analyze the tick marks in 1840. He had one male 5-10 (William J), one female 10-15 (Mary), one male 15-20 (Daniel), one female 20-30 (Lydia), one male 20-30 (Jacob), one female 40-50 (Elizabeth) and himself also 40-50.

Then in 1850, William still lived in Shamokin Township with wife Elizabeth 55 and these apparent children, in this order: William 17, Louisa 9 and Maria 24. I think William was his son and Louisa his daughter but who was Maria and why was she listed last? Could she be a niece, or was Maria a widowed daughter-in-law, but who was her husband? I simply don't know.

In 1860, William was head of a household in Shamokin Township that included Leonard Wagner 32 and wife Mary 31, and apparently five Wagner children under the age of 5. A neighbor was Solomon Evert. Elsewhere in Shamokin Township, we find John Kline 42 and wife Lydia 45. Lydia too was William's daughter.

William owned several properties, some of which he acquired from John Evert Sr. In 1857, he sold one to John Martz, presumably his son of that name. In March 1861 he conveyed another to William H Klase, no known relationship. This latter date must mark his departure for Illinois. Then he died there in October of the same year.

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Discrepancies
It is clear that John, the first Martz in Shamokin Township, came there from Augusta Township, so it would seem likely that William came from there too. It was Jacob and his brother David who were the two Martz settlers in Augusta Township and so my assumption is that William therefore has to be a son or grandson of one of those two brothers.

Let's start with the two brothers.

David (P2) can be immediately ruled out. His son David died in Montgomery County, OH and between his will and the distributions by his estate of the proceeds from the sale of his land, the names of all his brothers and sisters are clearly identified. There was no William among them.

Jacob (P6) certainly had plenty of sons in Census and I don't know all of their names. There are more tick marks in Census that look like sons than there are known sons. Jacob had known children in almost every year 1774 to 1782 but I know of none later. That raises the question of who are the two males under 10 in 1800, couldn't one be William? And how about the two age 16-26 with the widow Margaret in 1810? Couldn't one of those be William? I think until I ever solve this puzzle, Jacob has to be left as a possibility.

That leaves only David (J2a). He was the oldest of the next generation.

So while Jacob might seem the better candidate, there just is no real evidence for me to contradict Joseph Meiser. Maybe he knew something I don't. So I, for now, while keeping an open mind on this subject and being always on the lookout for more evidence one way or the other, am going with what Meiser says, William was the son of David (J2a).

A question worth asking is whether it is possible to cite any evidence in support of the idea that William was the son of David. Here are my thoughts:

In the 1800 Census, David was in the 16-25 age bracket (he was, in fact, 26). There was a female present in his household age 26-45, isn't it possible this was a first wife, not Magdalena, let's say, age 26? And there was a young male, a son? William?, age 0-9.

David's "confirmed" sons include Jacob born 1800 (but I don't know if it was before or after the Census date), David 1802 and John 1810 (after the Census date). So, in 1810, the David Martz household, assuming I have the right one, reported two sons under the age of 10 and no others. Jacob and David Jr. would be the two sons under 10, where was William? We can always theorize, of course, that at age 18, he was off working on someone else's farm -- but maybe's aren't evidence.

William ends up in Peoria County, IL, ostensibly because his daughters moved there. But that is also where John Mertz and Elizabeth Richstine moved and John was the son of the younger David, the one suggested as William's father. Children of both of the Davids got tied up with the Richstines and some from both families eventually moved to Peoria.

So my scenario is as follows: William was the son of David by a first wife who died and then David married Magdalena Shissler. He was not living with his father in 1810, he was off working on someone's farm, since he was not the son of David's then wife and he was the step-brother of David and Magdalena's children. He did move to Peoria in part because his brother was there, they are buried in the same cemetery.

Research
A search of Northumberland County land records shows that in 1834-35, several persons sold land to the Danville Pottsville Railroad, Sunbury Branch generally for a small amount of money "and the benefit expected to be received". (Implying I think they still owned land adjacent.)

One seller was William Martz. Another was Peter Martz, surviving Executor of David Martz (Barbara must have died by 9 Dec 1835). And of the others, the only names I recognized or thought relevant were John Evert and Michael Evert.

A check of a map shows that a railroad does run west into Sunbury a little south of the Snydertown Road and I have always believed that Lot #2 and Lot #3 in Pomfret Manor sold by the Penns to David and Jacob Martz, respectively, were along that road.

I am sure that Peter was indeed selling a piece of David's Lot #2 and it raises the question in my mind whether William was selling a piece of Jacob's Lot #3. (Note that William's wife was Elizabeth Evert so it might originally have been Evert land.) But it makes me wonder whether this is evidence that William really was Jacob's son. In any event, it is not enough evidence to make me decide to change the designation of William and his sons. For now, just food for thought.

Death and Find-a-Grave
William is on find-a-grave. Since his cemetery listing and his tombstone only give his date of death 21 Oct 1861, it is a fair question how it can be known it is William who came from Shamokin Township. The answer is that he is buried immediately next to Mary Wagner born 1828 wife of "L" and Lydia Ann Cline wife of John. They were his daughters.

Also, an estate record dated 30 Sep 1862 says letters were issued to Daniel Mertz for the estate of William Martz "late of" Northumberland County. The normal wording would for the estate of Willam Martz, deceased. While "late of" also implies deceased, my sense is it meant "formerly of". The 1862 date in any event belies the Meiser suggestion he died in 1867.

Known Daughters
A transcription of the Elmwood Cemetery in Peoria, IL lists William Martz who died 21 Oct 1861 right next in his row to Lydie Ann Cline (w/John) and Mary Wagner (w/L) — his daughters I believe. The format of this transcription seems to be that it shows persons who share one plot together — often a man and his wife. But in William's case, it lists, as if sharing his plot, "Infant son/John W and Bargvey(?) SNYDER. Find-a-grave makes it clear that William and Infant have their own tombstones.

I am convinced William was indeed William of Northumberland who went to Peoria with or to be near his daughters. The question stands as to why the infant son of John W Snyder is listed as if he must be buried in William's plot. Was Barghvey another daughter of William? A granddaughter? I don't know.

Besides Lydia and Mary, Meiser and/or Floyd also list Catherine who married John Miller and Louisa (also known from the 1850 Census) as William's daughters.

Known Sons
His known sons were John (P6a1a) who stayed locally, Jacob (P6a1b) who moved to Missouri, Daniel (P6a1c) who stayed locally and William J (P6a1d) who moved to Peoria, IL with his father and sisters. There is another mystery man named Samuel Martz who others believe was also a son of William. I'm not sure about that, but like William himself, I have no better place to put him, so Samuel (P6a1e) is also listed here as his fifth son.

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Spouse:	**Elizabeth Evert**
Birth:	30 Dec 1794
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Marriage:	5 Feb 1814
Marr Memo:	(newspaper notice)
Death:	26 Aug 1858[7]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Snydertown Reformed Church Cemetery

Father: John Evert (1767-1843)
Mother: Katherine Keefer (1786-1850)

Parent-Proof
Meiser says this about William's wife. *"Two sources of undocumented information indicate that William married Harriet Hoover, born December 12, 1811, daughter of Jacob Hoover (10/28/1787-10/1/1848) and Sarah (Leiby?) (10/24/1788-10/26/1855)."* He then allows that perhaps she was his first wife and Elizabeth Evert his second. This makes no sense. He married Elizabeth in 1814 when Harriet would have been three years old. So, if anything, she would have been the second wife, but then why was she not listed with him in the 1860 Census?

Notice in the Northumberland Republicaner of 5 Feb 1814. *"Married, William Merz and Elizabeth Evert of Shamokin Twp."*

Find-a-Grave
Elizabeth is on find-a-grave.

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), William Mertz, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1/2, 0/0, 0/1, 0, 1/0, 0/0.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), William Martz, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 5-9M (2), 10-14M, 30-39M, <5F (2), 30-39F.
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), William Marty, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, 5-9M, 15-19M, 20-29M, 40-49M, 10-14F, 20-29F, 40-49F.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 58, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 55, William 17, Louisa 9, Maria 24.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 67, Shamokin, North'd, PA, lives with Mary Wagner 31 and husband Leonard 32.
6. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Website transcription, Elmwood, Peoria Co, IL, Photo No, Yes, d.21 Oct 1861.
7. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Heber G Gearhart, St Johns Lutheran Reformed, Upper Mahanoy Twp, North'd Co, PA, Photo No, Yes, Gives dates and names of her parents and that she was wife of William.

Name: **John Martz (P6a1a)**[1,2,3,4,5]

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Birth:	18 Dec 1818 Snydertown, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	3 Feb 1898
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Johns, Snydertown, PA
Father:	William Martz (P6a1) (~1792-1861)
Mother:	Elizabeth Evert (1794-1858)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Meiser's Martz/Mertz lists John as the oldest son of William and Elizabeth as does J L Floyd.

J L Floyd says this about John. *"John Martz born Dec 1818, son of William, passed his entire life in Snydertown, dying there 21 Jan 1892. He farmed, worked on the railroad and was overseer of the poor. He married Elizabeth Kaseman daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reichard) and they had four children: Franklin P of Ralpho Twp, William E, Clara married David Snyder of Snydertown and Elizabeth married William J Barrell and resides Shamokin Borough."*

John is designated P6a1a.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1850, John, not yet married apparently, lived with the Conrad family in Shamokin Township, very near William Martz his father. He was 32 though reported as age 25.

By 1860 he had married and was starting to raise his family.

Death and Find-a-Grave
His death record is present on LDS film # 961101. He died 3 Feb 1898 at age 79y 1m 15d [18 Dec 1818]. It says he was born in Snydertown.

John is on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Elizabeth Kaseman**

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Birth:	17 Oct 1825
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Death:	25 Jul 1901
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Snydertown Reformed Church Cemetery
Father:	John Kaseman
Mother:	Elizabeth Reichard

Find-a-Grave
Her death record is present on LDS film # 961101 giving her date of death and age 75y 9m 8d.

She is on find-a-grave.

Sources

1. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. The biography of John Mertz of Snydertown is given.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 25, Shamokin, North'd, PA, lives with Conrad family two doors away from William Martz.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 39, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 34, Franklin P 5, William E 3, Clara E 2.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 51, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 44, Franklin P 15, William E 13, Clara E 11, Frances E 9.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 61, Snydertown, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 54, William E 23, Clara E 21, Elizabeth F 19.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P6a1b)**[1,2]

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Birth:	15 Apr 1821 Snydertown, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone on find-a-grave)
Death:	8 Oct 1891
Burial:	Shiloh Cemetery, Macon Co, MO
Burial Memo:	(tombstone on find-a-grave)
Father:	William Martz (P6a1) (~1792-1861)
Mother:	Elizabeth Evert (1794-1858)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Meiser's Martz/Mertz lists Jacob as a son of William and Elizabeth and says he moved to Missouri. He is designated P6a1b.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I do not know where Jacob was living in 1850, he was not with his father and I can't find him anywhere else. In 1860, he was living with his uncle, I believe, John in Peoria while his wife was still back in Lower Augusta Township with their first five children.

I cannot find this family in 1870 but by 1880 they were in Macon County, Missouri. Examination of the birthplaces of their children show that Louisa must have joined Jacob in Illinois and they were there well into the late 1860's but their daughter Maggie born in 1870 was born in Missouri. My best guess is the family may well have been in transit at the time of the 1870 Census.

Death and Find-a-Grave
He is on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Louisa Gossler**[3]

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Birth:	10 Aug 1832
Birth Memo:	(tombstone on find-a-grave)
Death:	6 May 1906
Burial:	Shiloh Cemetery, Macon Co, MO
Burial Memo:	(tombstone on find-a-grave)
Father:	Charles Gossler (1805-1872)
Mother:	Margaret Becker (1805-1884)

Census History
In 1860, Louisa was living, with no husband seemingly present, in Lower Augusta with their children. Her husband, Jacob, I believe had gone to check out the prospects of moving to Peoria. In addition to her children, 2 year old Charles D Gossler lived with her and her immediate neighbor was Charles and Margaret Gossler.

Charles and Harriet are part of the glue that ties everything together. We see them in the 1860 Census with Louisa and they are buried in Missouri, their graves linked to Jacob and Louisa as their parents. And Harriet was no doubt Hattie living with her parents in 1880.

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peoria w/ John.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 60, La Plata, Macon, MO, Louisa 44, Hattie 22, Fletcher 20, Adelia 17, Emma 12, Maggie 10.

3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Louisa Martz, 28, Lower Augusta, Nrth'd, PA, Elizabeth 7, Charles 6, Isabella 4, Harriet 2, infant 1 month, Charles D Gussler 2.

Name: **Daniel Martz (P6a1c)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	3 Sep 1823	Snydertown, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Death:	16 Aug 1893	
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)	
Burial:	St Elias, Lower Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA	
Father:	William Martz (P6a1) (~1792-1861)	
Mother:	Elizabeth Evert (1794-1858)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Meiser's Martz/Mertz lists Daniel as a son of William and Elizabeth, and says he married Sarah Shipe and gives birth and death dates for both of them. Tallman and J L Floyd agree.

I was always a little skeptical of that if only because William himself is such a mystery that the whole family is hard to figure out.

One thing that troubled me is there is no record of Daniel ever living anywhere but Lower Augusta Township. That's where he was reported in Census starting in 1850, it's where he attended church (St Elias) and where he is buried. It is where his wife was living when he met and married her.

So I did try to see if I could find a better candidate to be Daniel's parents, with no real luck. But then Terri Seiler found me in 2013 and we compared notes. She had some great information about her line back to Daniel. I was hoping that together we could figure some more things out about Daniel and, if we could prove his father was William, maybe make some progress on William too. Working together, we compiled a solid logical case that Daniel was the son of William and then that became proven fact.

Terri went to the court house in Sunbury and found what I had missed on the LDS film with death "certificates" from the 1890's. Daniel was born in Snydertown. So was John -- the one who died in 1898. John's death certificate said his parents were William and Elizabeth. She also found record that both John and Daniel served in the same Civil War Regiment. Everything suggests that Daniel and John were brothers.

Even before we brought John into the picture, we were reasonably convinced that William was his father based on Daniel's Snydertown birth in 1823. In the 1830 Census, the only Martzes in Shamokin Township (which is where Snydertown is) were William and the widow Elizabeth whose husband died in 1815. So, William was the best and obvious candidate to be his father.

Another argument is that Daniel named his first son William Jacob -- Jacob being the name of his wife's father. So most likely William being the name of his own father. And he named his first daughter Mary Elizabeth -- Mary being his wife's mother's name and Elizabeth his mother.

Finally, there is that 1862 estate file where Daniel was named Administrator of William's estate. You would think maybe John, the older son, who stayed in Snydertown might have been named. The inventory interestingly was filed between the time John enlisted and then Daniel, could that have something to do with it?

Daniel is designated P6a1c.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1850 and 1860, and I assume in the following decades too, Daniel lived in Lower Augusta Township. So it is interesting to consider the geography involved. The whole family started out in Augusta Township after they moved from Berks County, then first John and then later William (his cousin) moved to Snydertown and/or Shamokin Township (not that far, really but it was another township).

There was a Reformed Church in Snydertown, founded I think in 1821. It is where Elizabeth (Evert) Martz, William's wife, is buried. Yet young Daniel started going to the Blue Church down southeast of Paxinos by 1847 perhaps earlier. Had he met Sarah Shipe already and started going there to see her or did he start going to that church for some unexplained reason and that is where they met?

I think it may have something to do with the fact that David Martz, his uncle I think, also came to be involved with the Blue Church, in his case as early as 1832. Maybe it is how Daniel got introduced to that church. Maybe it strengthens the argument that Daniel's father was David's brother.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
His death record is present on LDS film # 961101 giving his date of death and age 69y 11m 13d [3 Sep 1823]. It says he was born in Snydertown.

Floyd (on pages 468-493) mentions Sophia Kuebler who married Daniel Mertz. I couldn't tell exactly what time period, it may have been a younger Daniel.

His will proved 24 Aug 1893 with Daniel M as executor.

Daniel is on find-a-grave.

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Spouse:	**Sarah Shipe**
Birth:	6 Jun 1824
Death:	25 May 1898
Burial:	St Elias, Lower Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA
Burial Memo:	(Terri Seiler input)
Father:	Jacob Shipe

Parent-Proof
Terri Seiler found the baptism of Sarah to Jacob Shipe and Maria with date of birth matching Sarah Martz from her tombstone.

After Daniel's father William died in 1861 and Daniel was appointed Administrator of his PA estate, on 20 Oct 1862, Daniel appointed Jacob Shipe to fulfill his duties. Daniel was no doubt off at war.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Mertz, 27 lime business, Lower Augusta Twp North'd Co, Sarah 26, Mary E 1.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Mertz, 36, Lower Augusta Twp, laborer, Sarah 35, Mary E 11, William J 8.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 56, Upper Augusta, North'd, PA, Sarah 56.

Name: **William J Martz (P6a1d)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	23 Jun 1834	Snydertown, North'd Co, PA
Death:	27 Aug 1889	
Burial:	Elmwood Cemetery, Peoria Co, IL	
Burial Memo:	(tombstone on specific listing for this cemetery on-line)	
Father:	William Martz (P6a1) (~1792-1861)	
Mother:	Elizabeth Evert (1794-1858)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Meiser's Martz/Mertz observed the possibility that William was a son of William and Elizabeth based on the 1850 Census. William was 17, his mother 55 so the idea that she had a son at age 38 does not seem unreasonable to me and seems the most likely explanation. I designate him P6a1d.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
I think by 1860 he was living with John Martz, his uncle I believe, in Peoria. His brother Jacob was also present in that household. William stayed in Peoria, Jacob moved on.

Death and Find-a-Grave
William J is on find-a-grave. I have linked him to his parents.

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Spouse: **Mary Moore**

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Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 26, Brimfield, Peoria, IL, lives with John Martz.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Marts 36, Brimfield, Peoria, IL, Mary 26, Effie 6, Ella 4, David 1 Thomas T Berry 24.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William J Martz, 45, Hillbrook, Peoria, IL, Mary E 35, Ellen 15, Mary 9, Ed 3, Fred 3 months.

Name: **Samuel Martz (P6a1e)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	3 Aug 1836	North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Death:	24 Dec 1903	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	Snydertown Reformed Church, Shamokin Twp	
Father:	William Martz (P6a1) (~1792-1861)	
Mother:	Elizabeth Evert (1794-1858)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I have spent a fair amount of time trying to identify the parents of Samuel Martz who was born in 1836 and who married Catharine Ann Hilbush, simply because I am descended from the Hilbish family as well as the Mertz family. Meiser's Martz/Mertz says that Samuel, with these birth and death dates and that wife, was the son of William and Elizabeth. He offered no compelling evidence of how that was known, so I don't put a lot of stock in it.

Then there is the genealogical research of Dorothy Shuck Amerman (wife of my high school history teacher George Amerman) whose son Yank (a classmate of my sister at Sunbury High School) shares my Mertz, Hummel and Hilbish ancestry and so has always been of interest to me due to the totally different ways Yank connects to our shared ancestor.

I found a copy of Dorothy's research at the Northumberland County Historical Society. She traces her husband's ancestry back to Samuel Martz who she says was the son of William born 1792 and that William in turn was the son of David and Magdalena Shissler.

I have two issues with that ancestry. It is not at all clear, certainly there is no proof, that William was the son of David and Magdalena. This is discussed at length in my analysis of William's possible parentage. And to the point at hand here, I can find no evidence that William had a son named Samuel. Samuel clearly existed and all of Dorothy husband's ancestry from him forward checks out, but I am unable to prove who Samuel's father was. All of this just adds to the confusion surrounding William. Nonetheless, I have no better idea on who William's father was and who Samuel's father was and I show things in my database the way Dorothy says it until better information comes along to clarify things.

The main problem I have with just accepting that Samuel was William's son is that we know when Samuel was born and he should have been living with William in the 1850 Census when Samuel would have been 14, if indeed William was his father. He was not -- but Samuel too is a mystery man as I am unable to find him anywhere else. He also just "pops up" -- in his case in 1860, married, living next door to his father-in-law.

Now by the time boys were 16, 17 or 18, I have seen instances where they no longer lived at home but instead with "random" people for whom they appeared to be working, helping them on their farm. But 14 seems a little young for that. Moreover, even in such cases, the boy was listed in the appropriate Census as a member of the "random" household.

So I did a very thorough search of the 1850 Census using all my tricks to find people even though the spelling of their name might have been totally corrupted. Immediately, someone popped up as the obvious candidate. There was a 13 year old Samuel Martz living in Coal Township with Benjamin Martz age 51 and with wife Lydia 47.

The problem is that Samuel was still living in Coal Township in 1860 and Meiser accounts for this other Samuel Martz (1837-1/19/1889) and says that he was buried in Shamokin Cemetery. So, he was not the Samuel Martz who married Catherine Hilbush.

There is one small piece of evidence that I can interpret as possibly suggesting the father-son relationship between William and Samuel. The 1936 death certificate of Minnie Simonson said her father was William Martz and her mother Kathy Hilbush. The informant was her brother Eben. No I know that Minnie was the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Hilbush) Martz, she was their daughter in the 1880 Census and her 1895 marriage record to Thomas Simonsson said they were her parents. So did Eben have a senior moment? Where could he have come up with William as her father's name, might it imply William was Samuel's father and momentarily Eben mixed them up in his mind?

Samuel is designated P6a1e.

Relocated and Census Tracking
1860. The newlyweds, Samuel and Catharine, lived next door to her father Daniel Hilbush in Shamokin Township.

1870. Samuel and wife Catharine had a 10 year-old daughter, Sara E. A neighbor was Benjamin Hilbush.

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Discrepancies
Now another way of trying to find Samuel is to analyze the 1840 Census, when Samuel should have been a tick mark, a boy age 0-4. The possibilities from Census tick marks are:

Magdalena, widow of 1800 Jacob, had a son of the right age, but I think it was Henry who was still living with her, age 13, in 1850.

1810 John had a son of the right age but he moved to Ohio by 1850 and that son was no doubt Charles.

1774 David. All the rest of his children were born before 1817, so this must be a grandson of some kind. Still it could be Samuel.

Note that William is conspicuously absent from this list, his youngest son was age 5-9.

Death and Find-a-Grave
LDS Film 961017 has death records from the time before death certificates were required. The point of ordering this film was to see what it said for Samuel Martz who died Dec 1903. He was there. But like everyone else on the film, parents were supposed to be named only if the deceased was a minor. There were exceptions to this rule, but Samuel was not one of them. No parents were named; what a bummer. He died 24 Dec 1903 of paralysis at age 67y, 4m, 21d. He was buried in Snydertown.

I also found an obituary in a Pottsville newspaper dated Monday, 28 Dec 1903 that said Samuel Martz age 67 died Saturday at Schuylkill Haven. Saturday would have been 26 Dec, a slight discrepancy from his find-a-grave memorial bu the age is right so this has to be this Samuel. But what was he doing in Schuylkill Haven? The article adds that he had been wounded at the Petersburg Crater and had been a member of the 50th Regiment. I have seen mention to other Schuylkill County Mertzes (or Martzes) who were of that regiment. Could Samuel have some Schuylkill County roots I have yet to figure out?

He is on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
George Amerman descends from Samuel's daughter Sara Elizabeth who married Nelson Dunkelberger Van Horn; their daughter Cornetta Belle Van Horn married George Washington Amerman and their son George Monroe Amerman was Dorothy Schuck's husband.

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Spouse:	**Catherine Ann Hilbush**[4]
Birth:	20 Nov 1843
Death:	9 Jan 1922
Burial:	Snydertown Reformed Church, Shamokin Twp
Father:	Daniel F Hilbush (1821-1885)
Mother:	Elizabeth Bahner (1814-1897)

Parent-Proof
Catherine Ann Hilbush was the daughter of Daniel F Hilbush. Daniel was a descendant of my immigrant ancestor Peter Hülpüsch some of whose descendants (my line) adopted the Hilbish spelling when they moved to Freeburg while other of his descendants adopted the Hilbush spelling when they moved first to Berks County and later to Jackson Township, Northumberland County.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 22, laborer, Shamokin Twp North'd Co, Catharine A 17, Daniel 1. A neighbor is Daniel Hulbush -- Catharine's father with the same people in his household as 1850 -- except Catharine.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 33, farmer, Shamokin Twp, Catharine 25, David 12, Sarah E 10, George B 7, Samuel V 5, Isaac H 2, Eben B 3 months.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 44, farmer, Shamokin Twp, Catharine A 37, George B 18, Samuel V 16, Isaac F 12, Edward P 10, Minnie C 7, Rosa N 4, Cora A 2.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel F Hilbish, 27, wagonmaker, Jackson Twp North'd Co, Elizabeth 30, Catharine 6, Mary 5, Benjamin 4, Hannah 2, Sarah 7 months.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P6a2)**[1]

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Birth:	1800
Birth Memo:	(Gearhart transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Death:	21 Apr 1838
Death Memo:	(Gearhart transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Burial:	Penns Cemetery, Sunbury, PA
Father:	David Martz (P6a) (1774-1843)
Mother:	Magdalena Shissler (1778-1846)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Joseph A Meiser says David Martz whose wife was Magdalena Shissler had a son Jacob. He listed him after David who was definitely born in 1802 but shows Jacob as born in 1800. Meiser further says he married Mary Magdalena Malick and that he died young in 1838 and among his children was William K Martz born about 1823 who married Elizabeth Bowen.

So there is enough there for me to know that particular Jacob, though I believe his wife's maiden name was Keefer, not Malick, and there are one or two children Meiser attributes to this couple who I do not think were theirs.

Jacob is designated P6a2.

Relocated and Census Tracking

I believe 1830 is the only Census where Jacob was listed. He was near his father David. The tick mark counts by age bracket make no sense, though. There were eight males present in the household but none older than 19: one under 5, one 5-9, two 10-14 and four 15-19. It looks more like the remnants of the household of a recently deceased father.

This household basically has to be David's son Jacob with his age misreported and there must be some brothers and sisters of his or his wife present too. I do not have any other idea who this Jacob would be otherwise and Jacob P6a2 would be otherwise unaccounted for. It has to be him.

Jacob died by 1840, but Magdalena Martz age 40-49 (she was only 36 if her tombstone has been accurately transcribed) was listed in Augusta Township with five young children.

Then in 1850, Magdalena age 52 (but wasn't she only 46?), was living with William K age 27 in Sunbury. I don't think there is a wife present in the household but there are three young daughters of William's plus his sister Mary age 24 and brother Henry 13.

It is my opinion that William had at least two other sisters and one brother alive at the time. Susan who I can't find, Sophia age 23 living in 1850 with the Markle family and possibly Jacob age 14 living with the Dewart family. I think William K couldn't support ALL of Jacob's children -- he had to farm some out.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

I have a copy of the Registrar's transcription of the will of Jacob Martz written 20 Apr 1838. He appointed his wife Magdalena and David Martz Jr. (I think referring to his brother) to be his Executors. He named none of his children but implied there were a good number and that all of them were minors.

In the Sunbury American newspaper of 7 Feb 1857, I found notice of a 30 acre tract being sold by Wm K Martz, Mary Ann Martz, Sophia Martz, Susan Dieffendaffer and Jacob Martz which sounds very much to me like the heirs of Jacob probably related to the death of their mother. Magdalena had died 30 Sep 1856.

I looked up the deed wherein this land was transferred and found it was for a 50 acre tract (the paper said 30) in Upper Augusta. I wonder, though, if this tract was part of a 130 acre tract that, in 1834, Peter Mertz and wife Hannah deeded to Jacob Mertz for $660. The 130 acres was part of a tract of 280 acres previously owned by David Mertz (P2), deceased, that Peter (David's son) and Barbara (David's widow), Executors of David's will, had conveyed previously in two parcels -- 150 acres to George Mertz and 130 acres to Peter.

The question is which Jacob acquired that land? I have ruled out the possibility that Jacob was David's son, because all of his surviving sons and/or deceased sons who had married and had children were named in David Jr.'s will and there was no Jacob. There was a baptism at Longswamp of an unnamed son of David Mertz and wife born 1 Jun 1782 with Jacob Miller and wife as sponsors. Often a sponsor was the namesake of a child, so it is quite possible this unnamed son was Jacob.

So it is possible that the 1782 birth was of a son Jacob and he is the one who bought land from Peter in 1834; but he never married and never was actually listed on his own in Census and died not too many years after that land purchase with no heirs and therefore was not named by his brother David.

But I think the better explanation is that there only was one Jacob alive in 1834 in or near Augusta Township and that was P6a2 and he was buying the land his cousin (once removed) was selling. And then in 1857, William K and others sold the 50 acres that remained. That leaves unexplained what happened to the other 80 acres.

There was a death notice published in the Sunbury Gazette dated 28 Apr 1838 saying Lt. Jacob Martz died on the 21st and that he was about age 36.

Jacob is not on find-a-grave, though for awhile I thought he was. There is a Jacob Martz on find-a-grave at Penns Cemetery in Sunbury. No dates are given, the tombstone photo there looks totally unreadable. The tombstone is very near Rebecca Martz so this must be the Jacob and Rebecca Martz who lived together in 1860 and 1870 in Sunbury. I have gone and looked at that tombstone close-up and I can clearly see that it says Jacob E Martz and I can see enough of the date to know it is the one who died, per Gearhart's transcription, in 1870. So it is not Jacob (P6a2), nor is it Jacob (P6).

There is a Revolutionary War marker at Jacob E's grave, obviously intended for the original Jacob of Augusta Township who may be in the same cemetery, but who knows? The memorial on find-a-grave may in fact represent all three of these Jacobs. But the tombstone is Jacob E.

Known Daughters

From the property sale, Jacob had three daughters who survived past 1857: Mary, Sophia and Susan. Only two were living with Magdalena in 1840, according to the tick marks. But in the 1860 Census, we find Susan Dieffendaffer wife of Andrew and living with them was Mary Martz age 33. The death certificate of Frank Diefenderfer says his mother was Susan Martz and father Andrew. And she was Susan Diefendaffer on the 1857 land sale notice.

Mary was 24 in 1850 [1826]. I believe she was the Mary Ann Gossler who died in 1913 and whose death certificate said she was born in 1826 daughter of Jacob Martz and Mary M Keefer.

Known Sons
William K is clearly one of Jacob's sons, Henry from the 1850 Census another but he died before 1857 and Jacob from the property sale another.

Joseph A Meiser lists a John Martz born 1824 as an additional son of Jacob and Mary Magdalena (who Meiser says was Malick but it was actually Keefer). He says that John married Harriet, maiden name unknown. And he says further that among their children were Albert born 1849, Frank C born 1861 and daughters Mary J, Elizabeth, Harriet and Florence.

I know the John he is talking about. His wife was Harriet Savage and he indeed had those children. The problem is that John was alive and lived locally in 1857 -- so wouldn't he have been a party to the sale of Jacob's land? I don't think there was a son John. I'm not 100% certain of the parentage of the John I know but for now I have him as P6c1.

Which brings me to Jacob's son Jacob. We know he was alive in 1857 and we know that some of Magdalena's children were not living with her in 1850, so her son Jacob must be the Jacob in 1850 in Sunbury, age 14, living with random people.

For awhile, I considered that this missing Jacob was the Jacob E mentioned above, the one who died in 1870 and is buried at Penns Cemetery nearby Rebecca. But I have found that Jacob (and Rebecca) in Census and he was age 46 in 1860, then 53 in 1870. Even if 53 is correct, he was born about 1817, too early to have been Jacob's or especially Magdalena's son. I also found a petition regarding Jacob E's land after he died which names his siblings — a list having no resemblance whatsoever to Jacob and Magdalena's other known children. I actually have come to believe that Jacob E was not a Martz at all but rather a Moritz — and he is designated U2a3.

So what happened to Magdalena's son Jacob? WellI picked up on his rail, I believe, when I found a Jacob Martz of the right age who lived his married life and is buried in Trevorton. His wife was Mary Malick. Jacob is designated P6a2b.

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Spouse: **Mary Magdalena Keefer**[2,3,4]

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Birth:	1804
Birth Memo:	(Gearhart transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Death:	30 Sep 1856
Death Memo:	(Gearhart transcription of Penns Cemetery)
Burial:	Penns Cemetery, Sunbury, PA

Parent-Proof
This is the woman Meiser identifies as Mary Malick in one place and Magdalena Malick in another. In his will, her husband Jacob refers to her as Magdalena, which is how she appeared to be listed in the 1840 and 1850 Census.

I have already cited the death certificate of her daughter Mary Ann saying her mother was Magdalena Keefer. And the death certificate of her son William Keefer Martz says the same

thing. I just see it as 100% clear her name was Mary Magdalena Keefer, I don't know where Meiser got the idea it was Malick.

Census History
She was on her own in the 1840 Census after her husband died and lived with her son William K in 1850.

Find-a-Grave
She is not on find-a-grave. There is a transcription of her tombstone from decades ago that says she was born in 1804, though, from Census, you would think it was a few years earlier than that. Her date of death as transcribed seems accurate since the land sale was advertised in Feb 1857.

Sources
1. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jaocb (sic) Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M, 5-9M, 10-14M (2), 15-19M (4), 5-9F, 10-14F, 20-29F.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Magdalena Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M, 5-9M, 15-19M, 5-9F, 10-14F, 40-49F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Magdalena Martz, 52, Sunbury, North'd, PA, lived with William K.
4**.** 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 14, Sunbury, North'd, PA, l/w Lewis Dewart 69, Caroline Davis 20, Elizabeth Hyleman 45.

Name: **William Keefer Martz (P6a2a)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: abt 1823
Birth Memo: (1850 Census)
Death: abt 1873
Father: Jacob Martz (P6a2) (1800-1838)
Mother: Mary Magdalena Keefer
Other spouses: Susan Bowen

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

A biography of William Keefer Martz Jr. is given in the History of Dauphin County by Luther Reily Kelker. It says he was the son of William Keefer Martz who was born on the farm of his father Jacob Martz near Sunbury. William Sr. started as a carpenter but later became a contractor who erected some of the most important buildings in Sunbury. He also did a lot of work for the PA Railroad Company and did the "big cut" at Herndon. He died at age 50 and had been a resident of Sunbury for 35 years.

He (William Sr.) married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Klein) Kline. This couple had children: William K Jr., Mary Ellen and Catherine S.

He is designated P6a2a.

Discrepancies

The William Keefer Sr. in that article is clearly the William K Mertz listed by Floyd who he said married Susan Bowen and had daughter Margaret who married Frank Shipe. Meiser though says he married Elizabeth Bowen who was born in 1833.

The key to sorting this out I think is Census analysis. It does seem clear William had children in 1850 but no wife, I assume she was deceased. One of those children was Anelia (Amelia?) age 4. I think she was the same girl now called Anelia C age 13 in 1860. The only other child in 1860 was Mary E age 1 -- a big gap. The wife in 1860 was indeed Elizabeth. And in 1880 (couldn't see them immediately in 1870), he's a carpenter like in 1850 and they have a 13 year old son William K.

I believe this is the scenario that pertains. William married first Susan Bowen and she was the mother of those three young children living with William in 1850. Then he married Elizabeth Kline like the Dauphin County history says, probably in the late 1850's. Meiser knew from Census his wife was named Elizabeth so he did what he typically did -- he just gave her the name Elizabeth Bowen to try to reconcile what he knew with what Floyd said.

A notice in a Sunbury paper dated 15 Mar 1856 seemed to indicate that William K Martz and John Bowen had been in some sort of partnership with J B Masser.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

1850. His father had died, he lived with his mother and I would guess some of his own children (Margaret 7, Sarah 5 and Anelia 4) and some of his siblings (Mary 24 and Henry 13).

1860. William age 33 lived in Sunbury. Anelia C age 13 is a carryover from the 1850 household. And now there is a wife, Elizabeth, and a very young daughter Mary E age 1.

And he was still in Sunbury in 1870 and 1880.

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Spouse: Elizabeth Kline

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Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William K Martz, 27, Sunbury, North'd, PA, Magdalena 52, Margaret 7, Sarah 5, Anelia 4, Mary 24, Henry 13.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 33, Sunbury, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 28, Anelia C 13, Mary E 1.

3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Wm K Martz, 49, Sunbury East Ward, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 43, Mary E 11, Catherine S 9, Wm K 3.

4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William K Martz, 57, Sunbury, North'd, PA, Elizabeth 47, Mary E 22, Frona C 18, William K 13.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P6a2b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 13 January 1834
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 3 November 1927
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Trevorton, PA
Father: Jacob Martz (P6a2) (1800-1838)
Mother: Mary Magdalena Keefer (1804-1856)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
In the Sunbury American newspaper of 7 Feb 1857, I found notice of a 30 acre tract being sold by Wm K Martz, Mary Ann Martz, Sophia Martz, Susan Dieffendaffer and Jacob Martz. Wm K Martz must be William Keefer Martz (P6a2a) who lived in Sunbury in 1850-1880 and specifically in 1850 lived with his mother Magdalena, several young girls who seem to be his daughters by a then deceased wife and two older Martzes who I think must be William's siblings — they were Mary 24 and Henry 13.

His mother, Magdalena, died 30 Sep 1856. So I believe this is the heirs of Jacob Martz whose wife was Magdalena Keefer selling what must have been Jacob's land after the death of his widow.

This explanation therefore establishes that the older Jacob had a son Jacob. And this younger Jacob was still alive in 1857 (as opposed what must be his brother Henry who must have died before then).

I believe this was the Jacob Martz age 16 found in 1850 also living in Sunbury with Lewis Dewart. (Lewis Dewart was a prominent local politician, don't see any obvious connection.)

The question is what then happened to him. A Jacob Martz (married, mechanic) of Jackson Township registered for the Civil War Draft in 1863 at age 27. This is clearly the Jacob Martz who married Mary A Malick of Jackson Township in the early 1860's and then moved to Trevorton where he lived the remainder of his life with the reported occupation of carpenter. An interesting detail since William K Martz reportedly started life as a carpenter before later becoming a contractor.

I believe this biography all applies to just one man, Jacob Martz, son of Jacob and Magdalena (Keefer) Martz and he is designated P6a2b.

And the possible clincher to this may be an interesting mistake by Joseph A Meiser. Meiser claimed that this Jacob's mother, wife of the older Jacob, was Mary or Magdalena Malick. But I don't think there is any question that Magdalena was Keefer, so where did Meier come up with Malick? Could it be he simply at some point got Jacob the father and Jacob the son mixed up and actually had learned that Jacob had married Mary Malick but failed to unscramble which Jacob it was who did that?

Relocated and Census Tracking
1850. This could well be the Jacob Martz age 14 living in Sunbury with random people including Lewis Dewart, 69, head of household.

1863. Jacob Martz, a married 27 year-old mechanic, registered for the Civl War draft from Jackson Township.

1870. Jacob and now wife Mary A live in Trevorton with two sons: Clement and Grant.

1880. Jacob is now in Zerbe Township which surrounds Trevorton.

So assuming these are all the same Jacob, for some reason he found his way from Sunbury down to Jackson Township by the early 1860's where he met and married Mary A Malick and then by 1870 moved to Trevorton.

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Known Sons
From Census, there were just two children, sons Clement and Grant. Both were born in the 1860's so not designated nor tracked further here. They both stayed in central Pennsylvania and could easily be tracked with Census and their Pennsylvania death certificates available.

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Spouse:	**Mary Malick**[4]
Birth:	10 May 1833
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	20 August 1907
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Greenwood Cemetery, Trevorton, PA
Father:	Jacob Malick (1785-1842)
Mother:	Maria Miller (1791-1871)

Parent-Proof
The 1870 will (probated 1871) of Maria Malick named a daughter Mary Mertz.

A very interesting will. Maria wishes to be buried in the cemetery near Daniel Zartman in Jackson Township, Northumberland County. Maria and her husband Jacob Malick are in fact buried at Zartman's Evangelical Church Cemetery in Herndon, PA, a small town surrounded by Jackson Township. There are two Daniel Zartman there but neither predeceased Maria per find-a-grave. Jacob did predecease Maria so why didn't she say bury me near him? I wondered if maybe she was a Zartman, but her tombstone says Miller.

She gives to her daughter Hannah and her grandchild Isaac Reitz the land where she now lives — presumably Isaac was Hannah's child. (The land abuts land of Daniel Hilbush which is interesting as his daughter Catherine Ann was, by 1871, married to Samuel Martz presumably of the Shamokin Martz family.)

Finally, Maria's personal property was to be divided among all her children: Sarah Dottery, Hannah Malick, Lydia Kimbel, Esther Meiser, Mary Mertz (spelled with the "e"), Charlotte Raker, Polly Stover, Harriett Bower, Jeremiah Malick and Abraham Rubendahl — the last one a bit of a zinger.

J R Hilbush was one witness and he also recorded the will as the registrar. Henry Deppen was another witness. (Another interesting name. George Deppen who lived in Herndon was married to the former Mary Ann Mertz, but she was definitely the d/o Peter P and Susanna Hilbish Mertz).

The PA Death Certificate of Grant Martz (1868-1950) said his parents were Jacob Martz and Mary Malick.

The PA Death Certificate of Clement Martz (1863-1935) said his parents were Jack Martz and Mary Malick.

Census History
1850. Lives in Jackson Township with her mother and two sisters and some kids named Chamberlain. Neighbors are Daniel Zartman age 42 and his neighbor is Elizabeth Zartman 62. Could Elizabeth Zartman be the widow of the Daniel Zartman mentioned in the will of Maria Malick?

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 14, Sunbury, North'd, PA, l/w Lewis Dewart 69, Caroline Davis 20, Elizabeth Hyleman 45.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 36, Trevorton, Northumberland, PA, carpenter, Mary A 36, Clement 7, Grant 2.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 46, Zerve, Northumberland, PA, carpenter, Mary 47, Clemcot 15, Grant 10.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Maria Malick, 58, Jackson, Northumberland, PA, Anna 22, Maria Chamberlain 8, Henry Chamberlain 6, Jane 25, Mary A 16.

Name: **David Martz (P6a3)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	15 Oct 1802	Lower Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)	
Death:	11 Nov 1855[5]	
Death Memo:	(tombstone)	
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA	
Father:	David Martz (P6a) (1774-1843)	
Mother:	Magdalena Shissler (1778-1846)	

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
He was named Executor of his father's will. He is designated P6a3.

J L Floyd says this about David. *"David Martz was born 15 Oct 1802 in Lower Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA and died 11 Nov 1855. He located in Paxinos after his marriage where he operated a fulling mill and was later Justice of the Peace. He is buried at Blue Church in Ralpho Twp. His wife Hannah Evert was born 6 Oct 1804 and died 9 Jun 1880 and is also buried at Blue Church. Children: Eliza died unmarried, Henry a teacher died unmarried, Margaret m.David Adams, Sarah m.Emanual Artman, Franklin, Mary m.Albert Fisher, David, John (twin of David) deceased, Hannah m.Jackson Hoffman, Susan died young."*

Relocated and Census Tracking
He was reported in 1830 in Augusta Township and in 1840 and 1850 in Shamokin Township.

David and his wife Hannah attended Blue Church and were communicants there as early as 1832. Their children continued at that church for many years. Remember, Daniel, son of William, also attended this church as did his future wife. This raises the question, how did they meet? That church seems far afield from where Daniel was living.

But maybe he came to be there because his Uncle David was there -- and that strengthens the argument that William was David's brother. They married the Evert sisters -- happened all the time back then, brothers married sisters.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
On 20 Nov 1855, letters were issued to Henry Martz (widow renounced) on the estate of David Martz of Shamokin Township, deceased. Sureties were Jacob Evert and Ira T Clement. [Henry, the Executor, was no doubt David's son and Ira T Clement was Henry's uncle, probably Jacob Evert was too.]

In about Aug 1856, a petition to the Northumberland County Orphans Court was filed on behalf of Mary Magdalena, John E, David P and Hannah Martz, minors above the age of 14, children of David Martz deceased -- seeking the appointment of guardians. Charles Mertz, Hannah Mertz and John Fisher stepped up.

Charles was probably their uncle, Hannah their mother and I guess John Fisher was David's son's soon to be father-in-law.

David is on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters

I think from Census and the Orphans Court petition I know his daughters: Ann Eliza (27 May 1827-16 May 1869), Margaret (abt 1832-23 Sep 1874), Sarah (abt 1834-), Mary Magdalena (6 Jan 1838-12 Jul 1887), Hannah (16 Jun 1843-24 Jul 1929) and Susan.

Known Sons
From Census and the Orphans Court petition I know four sons: Henry E (28 Jul 1829-30 Oct 1859), Franklin (18 Dec 1835-27 Jul 1887), David P (16 Apr 1840-1920) and John E (16 Apr 1840-1 Aug 1867).

Neither Henry E nor John E (was Evert their middle name?) ever appeared in Census on their own and I don't think either had heirs. The will of Henry E Martz of Shamokin Township was written 27 Sep 1859 and proved 14 Nov 1859. He left everything to his mother. Only Franklin and David P are assigned designation codes.

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Spouse:	**Hannah Evert**[6,7,8]

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Birth:	6 Oct 1804
Death:	9 Jun 1880
Burial:	Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father:	John Evert (1767-1843)
Mother:	Katherine Keefer (1786-1850)

Sources
1. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. A detailed biography of David Mertz is given.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), David Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M, 10-14M, 20-29M, <5F, 10-14F, 20-29F.
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), David Marty, Shamokin Twp, North'd Co, PA, <5M (3), 5-9M, 20-29M, 30-39M, <5F, 5-9F (2), 10-14F, 30-39F.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Davide Martz, 47, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Hannah 45, Henry 24, Margaret 18, Sarah 16, Franklin 14, Mary 12, David 10, John 10, Hannah 6.
5. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Joseph A Meiser, St Peter's Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1982, Repository: LDS Film, David and Hannah are listed with full dates. David said to be s/o David and Magdalena.
6. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Hannah Martz, 56, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Eliza 31, Franklin 24, Mary 22, David P 20, John E 20, Hannah 17.
7. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Hannah Martz, 65, Shamokin, North'd, PA, lives with David P.
8. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Hannah Martz, 76, Shamokin, North'd, PA, lives with David P.

Name: **Franklin Martz (P6a3a)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 18 Dec 1835 North'd Co, PA
Death: 27 Jul 1887
Burial: Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: David Martz (P6a3) (1802-1855)
Mother: Hannah Evert (1804-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd said this about Franklin. *"Franklin Martz, son of David, was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Northumberland County, was reared upon a farm and learned the carpenter's trade, following both farming and carpentry. He died near Paxinos, on his farm, in July, 1887, and is buried at the Blue Church. His wife, Margaret (Fisher), a native of Northumberland County, daughter of John Fisher, still survives, residing at Paxinos. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, as was also Mr. Martz. They were the parents of a large family, five of whom are living: Edward H.; William, who lives in Shamokin; Bertha M., married to Frank Wertley; Catherine A., married to William Kriegbaum; and Clarence K."*

Franklin is designated P6a3a.

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Known Sons

Floyd said this about Clarence. *"Clarence K. Martz was born April 9, 1873, received his education in the schools of the home locality and was reared upon the farm until he reached the age of nineteen. At that time he went to Elysburg to learn the trade of blacksmith with Joseph Lynn, remaining there for a period of five years, after which he went to Shamokin for a year. After that he carried on a farm in connection with his trade for some time, and in 1902 began business at his present stand, in Paxinos, where he has been doing business continuously since. It is a fine location, and he has built up a profitable custom, doing a general blacksmith and wheel-wright business. In 1907 he admitted William E. Fisher to a partnership in the business, the firm being known as Martz & Fisher. Mr. Martz has served his township in the capacity of supervisor, which office he has held for three years. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Socially he holds membership in the P.O.S. of A. and in the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Martz married Julia A. Epler, daughter of Amos Epler, of Shamokin township, and to this union have been born two children, namely: Clara and Fred."*

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Spouse: **Margaret Fisher**

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Birth: 7 Dec 1840
Marriage: 25 Oct 1860[4]
Death: 23 Jun 1928
Father: John Fisher (1800-1881)
Mother: Hannah Yocum (1806-1889)

Sources

1. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. A detailed biography of Franklin Mertz is given.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Franklin Martz, 34, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Margaret 29, Henry E 9, Kate A 5, Edwin H 3, William 1.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Franklin Martz, 45, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Margaret 40, Kate A 15, Edwin H 13, William F 12, Clarence K 10, Bertha M 1.
4. Published Book. Author: Charles A Fisher, 1982, "Central Pennsylvania Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Has specific marriages based on minister's records but Fisher also used baptism records and tombstones as proof of existence of a marriage, Franklin Martz and Margaret Fisher 25 Oct 1860.

Name: **David P Martz (P6a3b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	16 Apr 1840
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1920
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Paxinos, PA
Father:	David Mertz (P6a3) (1802-1855)
Mother:	Hannah Evert (1804-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

J L Floyd says this about David. *"David P Martz s/o David, b.16 Apr 1840 in Ralpho Twp enlisted in Co F, 50th PA Regiment and served through the Civil War engaged in 29 battles and was discharged 5 Aug 1865, having been wounded 4 times. He then began farming at Paxinos.*

On 12 Dec 1869 he married Rebecca C Repley d/o John and Rachel Repley who d.6 Oct 1900 and is buried in Ralpho Twp. Their children were: John W lives in Norfolk, VA, Grace m.William C Bower has children Lois and Leona, Nora m.Wilson Willow lives in Ralpho Twp with two children Ellen and Alfred, Ruth m.Harrison Erdman lives in Shamokin with dau. Mildred."

David is designated P6a3b.

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Spouse: **Rebecca C Repley**

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Birth:	1 Oct 1845
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	12 Dec 1869
Death:	6 Oct 1899 Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Paxinos, PA
Father:	John Repley
Mother:	Rachel

Find-a-Grave

Her death record is present on LDS film # 961101 with dod as shown and age 54y 0m 5d.

Sources

1. Published Book. Author: IBID. J L Floyd. A detailed biography of David P Mertz is given.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), David P Martz, 30, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Rebecca 25, Hannah 65, David Adams 11.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), David P Martz, 40, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Rebecca 36, John W 8, Grace G 4, Mary E 1, Hannah 76.

Name: **John Martz (P6a4)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 22 Oct 1810
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)?
Death: 28 Jul 1885[4]
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)?
Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, Peoria Co, IL
Father: David Martz (P6a) (1774-1843)
Mother: Magdalena Shissler (1778-1846)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Allen Tallman traces the descendants of David and Barbara (Miller) Martz. Their daughter Susanna married John Richstine. Two of John and Susannah's children married Martzes -- one specifically stated by Allen Tallman to be Catherine the daughter of (the other) David and Magdalena Shissler. Based on a birth date in close proximity to Catherine's, I have also placed John who married Elizabeth Richstine as a son of David and Magdalena, though Allen Tallman does not say who he was.

Meiser doesn't specifically list this John as a son of David and Magdalena but he notes that Gearhart suggests that may be the case. So the truth is no one knows for sure who this John is, but I have gone with Gearhart's theory.

If it is correct that Jacob and David who married the Miller sisters were brothers and that John was the brother of Catherine, then John married his second cousin on the Mertz line and Miller line (as did Catherine).

John is designated P6a4.

Relocated and Census Tracking
There was a John Martz who was born and raised in the Augusta or Shamokin Township area and followed his father-in-law, John Richstine, to Butler County, OH. John Richstine was there in 1840 but then moved to the Dayton area by 1850 and then by 1860, moved to Peoria.

John Marty (i.e. Martz) was in Butler County too in 1840, in Madison Township where John Richstine was. Another Martz line entirely was in Wayne Township. John, who had nothing to do with that other line, just happened to by 1850 John to have moved to Wayne Township.

So John Martz either went with or followed John Richstine to Butler County and then he lingered. Then he went to Peoria and, according to Tallman, John Richstine followed him there.

The 1860 Census listing for John is quite interesting and I think helps show that he is correctly placed as David and Magdalena's son. John and Elizabeth Martz lived in Brimfield Township, Peoria County. A neighbor was her parents John and Susan Richstine. Living with John and Elizabeth were Charles 25, Nancy (?) M 20, Susan C 21, Mary E 17 and Hannah 15. I assume these were John's children. But also present in this household was Ransom Richstine 6, Jacob Martz 40, William J Martz 26 and George A Shissler 22.

Obviously the name George Shissler would be easily explained if John indeed was the son of Magdalena (Shissler) Martz. And I'm quite certain that Jacob age 40 and William J age 26 are both the sons of William Martz, the mystery man, but I believe also may have been the

son of David and Magdalena. So I believe that John was their uncle. William, father of Jacob and William J, would be soon to follow to Peoria. Each aspect of this strengthens the conclusion that William and John were brothers.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
John is on find-a-grave. Apparently his tombstone indicates that he was born in Northumberland County.

Known Sons
The only son ever found with John was Charles in the 1850 and 1860 Census.

Spouse:	**Elizabeth Richstine**	
Birth:	2 Mar 1814	Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA
Marriage:	28 Jan 1834	Sunbury Gazette, 1 Feb 1834 ("married Tuesday last")
Death:	24 Dec 1870	
Burial:	Elmwood Cemetery, Peoria Co, IL[5]	
Father:	John Richstine (1790-1881)	
Mother:	Susan Martz (1788-1874)	

Sources
1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Marty, Madison Twp, Bulter Co, OH, 5-9M, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Marts, 40, Wayne, Butler, OH, Elizabeth 37, Charles 16, Susan C 13, Mary E 10, Hannah M 8.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 49, Brimfield, Peoria, IL, Elizabeth 46, Charles 25, Mary M 20, Susan E 21, Mary E 17, Hannah 15, Ransom Richstine 6.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Marts, 59, Elizabeth 56, Mary E 26, John W Grigg 22, Ransom Reshtine 16 .
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marty 69, Broomfield, Peoria, IL, Mary E 38, Ranson Rishtine 26.
6. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Website transcription, Elmwood, Peoria Co, IL, Photo No, Yes, d.28 Jul 1885 Age 74/9/6 Native of North'd PA (Masonic).
7. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Website transcription, Elmwood, Peoria Co, IL, Photo No, Yes, w/J, dau/I (sic) & S Richstine d.24 Dec 1870 Age 56/9/22.

Name: **Charles Martz (P6a4a)**[1,2]

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Birth:	1 Jan 1835
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	20 May 1925
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Mt Vernon, Linn Co, IA
Father:	John Martz (P6a4) (1810-1885)
Mother:	Elizabeth Richstine (1814-1870)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

The only son I know of that John had is Charles who was listed in Census with him in 1850 and 1860. He is designated P6a3a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

From Census, Charles was born about 1835 so when I found a Charles Martz in Iowa in 1870 of the right age and who had been born in Pennsylvania, I guessed he was the son of John.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Charles and his wife Mary Magdalene are on find-a-grave. There is nothing specific there to indicate where he was from or who he was. So it is somewhat circumstantial for me to believe I have correctly matched this son to this parent.

However his age in Census, his Pennsylvania birthplace as stated in Census and the fact that otherwise I don't know who this Charles would be in the context that I have tied to track every Martz born before 1850.

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Spouse: **Mary Magdalene Graft**

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Birth:	3 Sep 1839
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	21 Jun 1911
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Mt Vernon, Linn Co, IA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Charles Marty, 35, Rome, Jones, IA, Mary M 33, Bell 7, Willis 3.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles Marts, 45, Rome, Jones, IA, Mary 39, Bell 16, Willis 13.

Name: **Charles F Martz (P6a5)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 24 Dec 1817
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 15 Oct 1880
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: David Martz (P6a) (1774-1843)
Mother: Magdalena Shissler (1778-1846)
Other spouses: Esther Fisher

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
All sources that cover the early Northumberland County Martzes say David and Magdalena had a son Charles. Meiser identifies him as Charles F Martz (1817-1880) and says he married first Elizabeth Haas and "apparently" second Esther Fisher.

That Charles F is buried at Blue Church where his brother David is buried. The dates match and from his find-a-grave memorial, the names of his wives match. I have found him. He is designated P6a5.

Known Sons
Meiser says he had two sons by Elizabeth Haas born before 1850, Edward born about 1844 and Albert (1849-1910). Edward was present in the 1850 Census age 6 and Edward (1843-1921) is linked to his parents on find-a-grave so he qualifies for me to track, for sure.

Albert is a different story. There was no Albert in Charles' 1850 household and Meiser shows another Albert (1865-1911) as a son of Charles by Esther Fisher. That Albert is a confirmed son by his death certificate. I am sure there was no other Albert born in 1849.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Charles and his two wives are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Elizabeth Haas**

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Birth: 6 Sep 1821
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 8 Mar 1849
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Blue Church, Ralpho Twp, North'd Co, PA
Father: Daniel Haas
Mother: Eve Reed

Parent-Proof
She is linked to Daniel and Eve Barbara (Reed) Haas as her parents on find-a-grave.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Charles Martz, 32, Shamokin, North'd, PA, Hester 34, Lucy 8, Edward 6, Hester 5, Mary 3, Anelia 2.

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Charles Martz, 42, Wiconisco, Dauphin, PA, Ester 28, Edward 17, Hester 16, Mary 14, Amelia 12, John 8, Charles 3, Florence 2m .
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Charles Martz, 45, Coal, North'd, PA, Hester 36, John 14, Charles 12, Sarah 10, Albet 5, George 3.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles Martz, 63, Excelsior, North'd, PA, Hester 49, John F 23, Sarah F 20, Albert 15, George C 13.

Name: **Edward B Martz (P6a5a)**[1,2]

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Birth: 23 Jul 1843
Birth Memo: (death certificate says 23 Jul 1841, find-a-grave says 1843 is correct)
Death: 15 May 1921
Death Memo: (find-a-grave and death certificate)
Burial: Chester Rural, Delaware Co, PA
Father: Charles F Martz (P6a5) (1817-1880)
Mother: Elizabeth Haas (1821-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
He is linked to his parents on find-a-grave with a biography there that appears to be well researched. His death certificate confirms the linkage. Edward is designated P6a5a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
He and his wife are on find-a-grave.

Edward is also profiled on a blog that covers Dauphin County Civil War veterans, some snippets quoted here:

"Edward B. Martz was born on 23 July 1843, the son of Charles F. Martz (1817-1880) and Elizabeth Ann [Haas] Martz (1821-1849).

On 20 September 1861, Edward Martz enrolled at Lykens Borough in the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Company B, and on 7 October 1861, he was mustered into service as a Private. At the time, he was 18 years old, was 5 foot 6 inches tall, had a light complexion, grey eyes and light hair. He was working as a laborer and his residence was Dauphin County. The record shows that he re-enlisted on 1 January 1864, at Mossy Creek, Tennessee and that at some time during the war (date unknown), he was in a hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. At the conclusion of his service, 2 August 1865, he was honorably discharged by General Order.

It was at first believed that Edward Martz married Mary Elizabeth Strausser, some time before their first child was born in 1865.

On 10 Feb 1892, Edward Martz applied for a disability pension, which he received and collected until his death, which according to a Pennsylvania Death Certificate available on Ancestry.com, occurred on 15 May 1921. Following his death, his widow applied for benefits, which she received and collected until her death. Since pension application files are not yet completely uploaded to Fold3, we must rely on individuals who have obtained them to post what is in them. Fortunately, someone [L. Sykes to readsewmuch tree on Ancestry.com] has contributed an abstract of the genealogical information in the pension file:

I received the Civil War pension file for Edward and his widow Mary Elizabeth which has a few new findings. On several documents he states his birth date is 23 July 1843. The 1841 date on the death certificate is wrong. There is a copy of the marriage certificate: Edward Martz of Coal Township married Mary E. Strausser of Norwegian, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on 28 July 1866 at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, by David N. Lake. In the pension application dated 11 February 1898, Edward states his wife's maiden name is Mary Elizabeth Strausser. On 31 March 1915 Edward again had to give his wife's maiden name

and the name of his children. They are: Emma Florence Martz, born 27 November 1866; Mary Jane Martz, born 18 December 1868; Anna Elizabeth Martz, born 4 October 1870; Maggie Rosella Martz, born 1 September 1872; Estella Leida Martz, born 8 February 1875; Eddy Gere Martz, born 4 July 1877; Charles Francis Martz, born 11 December 1879 (Note – I could not locate his death date but it had to be before 1915); Charles Elwood Martz, born 11 November 1883 (Note – he died 29 September 1909 in Chester, Pennsylvania).

The record contains several affidavits confirming the marriage and others attesting to the truth of Edward's statements about the reason he is infirm. Apparently his initial request for a pension was approved. After Mary died her daughter Estella and her husband Frank Rea wrote several letters again involving a congressman to obtain reimbursement for medical and funeral expenses. There were other letters concerning the amount of the pension.

Both Edward and his widow are buried at the Chester Rural Cemetery, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Of course, this is not the complete story of Edward Martz. One additional piece of information needs to be presented here. His name appears on the Lykens G.A.R. Monument as someone who was not a member of the Heilner Post.

Although Edward Martz spent the early years of his life in the Lykens-Wiconisco area and he enrolled in the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry at Lykens, his later years were spent in Northumberland County and Chester County."

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Spouse:	**Mary Elizabeth Strauser**
Birth:	19 Jan 1848
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	28 Jul 1866
Marr Memo:	(find-a-grave memorial)
Death:	15 Apr 1922
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Chester Rural, Delaware Co, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Edward Martz, 30, Coal, North'd, PA, Mary 29, Emma 4, Mary 2.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Edward Martz, 37, Upland, Delaware, PA, Mary E 30, Emma F 13, Mary J 11, Annie E 9, Maggie R 8, Stella L 5, Edward G 1, Charles G 6m.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P6b)**[1,2,3,4,5,6]

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Birth: 15 Nov 1779
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 27 Jul 1864
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Union Cemetery, Catawissa, Columbia Co, PA
Father: Jacob Mertz (P6) (~1755-<1803)
Mother: Margaretha Miller (-<1811)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

In about 2007, a man named Douglas Martz joined my Mertz/Martz DNA project and his results showed him as an exact match to me (and others) in the group I call the Alsace/ Longswamp group, meaning their ancestry traces, like mine, to the Merz family of Switzerland, some of whom came to Alsace in the late 1600's. My ancestor, John David Mertz, then came from Alsace to Longswamp Township, Berks County, PA in 1733 and many of us who have matching DNA descend from David. Another of our members descends from a different ancestor who came later from Alsace, in his case to St. Louis in the 1840's.

Douglas had traced his ancestry to Jacob Martz, born 1779, who showed up in Catawissa Township, Columbia County by 1820. My initial theory was that Jacob of Catawissa just had to be a descendant of John David but the question was how? Obviously Jacob was a very popular name among David's descendants in fact that was part of the problem, the ones I knew about could be accounted for and had not gone to Columbia County.

I have worked on this problem over the years since and have piece by piece compiled enough evidence to state, with some conviction, that Jacob of Catawissa was the son of Jacob Martz whose wife was Margaretha Miller.

He is designated P6b.

Jacob Mertz, the one who died in 1803, like his father Peter before him, wrote a will but failed to actually name and list all of his children. So I don't know if he had a son named Jacob or not. But the truth is there were two Jacob Mertzes that I am aware of -- one born in 1777 and this one born in 1779 -- for whom there is no easy way to determine the name of their father. The Jacob born in 1777 ended up in Dauphin County and may well not even be part of John David's line -- he may be of one of the other Berks County lines. (Remember too there was another Jacob of NY State also born in 1777, he was the son of John Jacob, son of Nicholas.)

In any event, it seemed a reasonable guess that Jacob who died in 1803 did in fact have a son named Jacob but then the question was which of the two mystery Jacobs (1777 or 1779) was that son?

But as I say, as the pieces of evidence have come together, I have concluded that 1779 Jacob, the Jacob of Catawissa, was the son of Jacob. Here are the bits of evidence I have compiled that make the case.

<u>Jacob's wife was Elizabeth Shissler from Augusta Township.</u> In the records of St Johns Evangelical Lutheran, Catawissa Township, Columbia County 1796-1926, I found the baptism of Catharina born Dec 1812 baptized 17 Jan 1813 daughter of Jacob Mertz and Elisabeth nee Shusler. From that, I concluded her name was Shissler, the same name as the wife of David Martz who was the brother, I believe, of this Jacob.

In fact, Northumberland County Deed EE-511 recorded that the heirs of Christian Shissler sold a tract of land in Augusta Township that belonged to John Adam Shissler. The heirs included David Mertz and Magdalena Shissler and Jacob Mertz and Elizabeth Shissler and it was not stated who but someone in the deal was from Columbia County.

So that clearly establishes that Jacob's wife, Elizabeth, was from Augusta Township and while it doesn't prove it, I think one can draw an inference that David and Jacob, brothers, married Magdalena and Elizabeth, sisters.

Charity Martz, daughter of David, of Augusta Township married a Catawissa man. Two Pennsylvania death certificates list Peter Helwig and Charity Martz as the parents. Analiza Brobst died at Catawissa and David Helwig died at Locust, Columbia County.

Charity Martz is in my database, I even knew the fact that her husband was Peter Helwig. But the fact that they lived in or near Catawissa -- I didn't know. Charity is said to have been the daughter of David Martz and Magdalena Shissler.

Now I have a lot of "theories" or "general rules of thumb" that I use to track people and try to assemble them into families. None of them are absolutes, there are always exceptions to every rule.

One of my rules is that a man, back then, married a girl within, say, typically at most a five mile radius. The marriage of Peter Helwig of Catawissa and Charity Martz of Augusta Township clearly violates my rule -- so how did he come to meet her? That made me quite curious.

And, of course, another rule is -- it was not uncommon for intermarriages within the same two families. Brothers married sisters, that kind of thing. So it is also interesting that Jacob's son Joseph married Sarah Helwig. My theory is that perhaps Jacob's niece Charity was a visitor from time to time to her uncle's house in Catawissa where she met Peter Helwig whose sister Sarah would marry Joseph.

David Martz, husband of Magdalena Shissler, had Jacob and Joseph witness his will. This piece of evidence has been part of my record for David for a long time. David wrote his will in 1842 and two of the witnesses were Jacob and Joseph Martz. I even had a statement in my narrative that I didn't know who Jacob and Joseph were since there was no Joseph Martz in Northumberland County records. And then it occurred to me, I really didn't know who Jacob was either. David had a son Jacob but he died in 1838 and besides I don't think you get your son, an heir, to witness a will.

And then the light bulb went off. I absolutely do know who both Jacob and Joseph are. They are David's brother Jacob and his nephew Joseph. This helps demonstrate there truly was visitation back and forth between the Columbia County family of Jacob and the Augusta Township family of David — and remember the wives of those two were sisters, making it even more obvious that it would happen.

Mary Elizabeth, Joseph's daughter, married at the home of Solomon Martz. This last piece of evidence comes from a newspaper clipping documenting the marriage of Joseph's daughter Mary Elizabeth. She married Henry Gellinger who died soon after their marriage. The article specifically said they married at the home of Solomon Martz. Henry is buried in the same cemetery as Solomon. Solomon and Mary Elizabeth were second cousins, once removed. Solomon lived in Shamokin Township.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
Before I was as certain as I now am that Jacob of Columbia County was indeed the son of Jacob of Augusta Township, I pondered the problem of identifying Jacob Martz in the 1810 Census age 26-45 in Augusta Township. His neighbors were Margaret, David and David Jr. David Sr. did not have a son Jacob -- we known that from the will of his son David Jr. who named all his brothers and sisters.

There was no other possible Jacob it could be, moreover he had a son 0-9 (Joseph I believe) I now strongly believe it was Jacob Jr. who will move to Catawissa by the time of the next Census.

In 1820, there were three Martzes in Catawssa Township. Jacob age 45+, Jacob age 26-45 and Abraham 26-45. I believe the younger Jacob is a typo and that it was Jacob's son Joseph.

Jacob stayed in Catawissa through the 1840 Census when there was also a George Martz, age 40-50, present there too. I'm not sure who George was.

By 1850, Jacob had moved to Franklin Township, Montour County. He and Elizabeth lived several Varner children and a Mary Martz age 18. They may all have been grandchildren, perhaps.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob did not leave a will. There is record of the full administration of his estate. All I know is that on 5 Aug 1864 letters were issued to John Sharpless on the estate of Jacob Martz with sureties John Ritter and Joseph Martz.

Known Sons
I have concerned myself mostly with trying to figure out Jacob's ancestry, I have not concentrated or done any particular research on the names of any of Jacob's children. The only child I know as his son is Joseph and I know of him because he was Douglas' line.

Known Daughters
There was a baptism at St Peter's Reformed wherein Jacob and wife Maria baptized on 29 Aug daughter Maria born 7 Jun with Mich Dimmig and wife Maria as sponsors. No year is given but this is on a list of baptisms that started in 1812 and from it's position on the list, I suspect it maybe was 1813.

So assuming the early 1813 baptism of Catharina in Columbia County was the same Jacob and Maria Eizabeth (Shissler) Martz, they were in Columbia County then and must have come back "home" for this baptism.

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Spouse:	**Maria Elizabeth Shissler**[7]
Birth:	5 May 1780
Death:	5 Feb 1855
Death Memo:	Same as Jacob
Father:	Christian Shissler (-<1825)

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), Jacob Martz, Augusta Twp, North'd Co, PA, 1/1, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.

2. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jacob Martz, Catawissa Twp, Columbia Co, PA, 1/2, 1/1, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.

3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Marts, Catawissa Twp, Columbia Co, PA, 10-14M, 15-19M, 20-29M, 50-59M, 15-19F (2), 20-29F, 50-59F.

4. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Martz, Catawissa Twp, Columbia Co, PA, 15-19M, 50-59M, 20-29F, 50-59F.

5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 72, Franklin, Montour, PA, Elizabeth 70, Mary 18.

6. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 80, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, lived with son Joseph .

7. Published Book. Author: Donna R Irish, 1982, "Pennsylvania German Marriages," Repository: NHCL, Catawissa Congregation: Jacob Mertz and wife Elizabeth Schissler bpt Catherine b.Dec 1812.

Name: **Joseph Martz (P6b1)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 9 Mar 1807
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 9 Mar 1890
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Union Cemetery, Catawissa, Columbia Co, PA
Father: Jacob Martz (P6b) (1779-1864)
Mother: Maria Elizabeth Shissler (1780-1855)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I know of Joseph as Jacob's son based on the research of Douglas Martz, a descendant of both. He is designated P6b1.

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Research
An interesting "Public Notice" appeared in 1842 in the Sunbury Gazette stating that Jacob Martz and Ira T Clement purchased several diverse items (furniture and two horses) at the constable sale of the property of Joseph Martz of Augusta Township and then loaned those items back to Joseph. The only Joseph Martz I know is this one. Ira T Clement married Sarah Martz, the daughter of David Martz (P6a), Joseph's cousin. I assume Jacob Martz was Joseph's father.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Joseph and Sarah are on find-a-grave and their sons John, David, Joseph and William Henry are linked to them.

Known Sons
From the 1850 Census, Joseph had five sons: John, Jacob, David, Joseph and William.

Jacob and David had not left home by 1880 so are not designated.

Known Daughters
I know Joseph had a daughter Mary Elizabeth. She marred Henry Gellinger who died not long at all after they married. I found notice of their marriage on newspapers.com and the article said they married at the home of Solomon Martz. Henry in fact is buried in the same cemetery as Solomon. so this is yet another connection of the Jacob Martz family of Catawissa back to the Augusta Township Martz family.

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Spouse: **Sarah Helwig**

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Birth: 3 Oct 1806
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 11 Sep 1882
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Union Cemetery, Catawissa, Columbia Co, PA

Parent-Proof
Her find-a-grave memorial says she was the daughter of Frederick and Maria (Kieffer) Helwig.

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jos Martz, 40, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, Sarah 44, Eliza 17, Jno 16, Sarah 15, Jacob 14, Sevilla 13, Emily 9, David 8, Joseph 7, Cath 4, Wm 1 .

2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jos Martz, 54, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, Sarah 54, Jno 26. Jacob 23, Amelia 20, David 18, Jos 16, S C 14, W H 10, Jacob 80.

3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joseph Martz, 63, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, Sarah 64, Mary 37, Mary 37(?), John 34, Jacob 30, David 28, William Gillinger 9, Henry Gillinger 7.

4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Joseph Marts, 72, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, Sarah 74, Jacob 44, David 39, Mary Gelling 49, Henry Gelling 18.

Name: **John Martz (P6b1a)**[1]

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Birth:	19 Mar 1833
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	25 Apr 1928
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Hillside Cemetery, Catawissa, PA
Father:	Joseph Martz (P6b1) (1807-1890)
Mother:	Sarah Helwig (1806-1882)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know John as Joseph's son since he was living with his father in 1850-1870. He is designated P6b1a.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
John and his wife Hanna are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Hannah Vought**

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Birth:	10 Dec 1837
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	6 May 1922
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Hillside Cemetery, Catawissa, PA

Parent-Proof
Her find-a-grave memorial says she was the daughter of John and Esther (Knitle) Vought.

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marts, 47, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, Hanna V 43, Annie 12.

Name: **Joseph F Martz (P6b1b)**[1,2]

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Birth:	31 May 1842
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	11 Apr 1916
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Linden St Cemetery, Allentown, PA
Father:	Joseph Martz (P6b1) (1807-1890)
Mother:	Sarah Helwig (1806-1882)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Joseph as the son of Joseph from his presence in his father's 1850 and 1860 household. He is designated P6b1b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Joseph and his wife Ellen are on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
In the 1900 Census, Joseph and Ellen have four children living with them including Annie E, age 18, said to be single.

But a 21 Aug 1901 newspaper article says that on 20 Aug, Annie announced that she had been married two years ago to Edwin A Ettinger on 20 Aug 1899.

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Spouse: **Ellen Jane Lazarus**

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Birth:	16 Dec 1843
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	28 May 1916
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Linden St Cemetery, Allentown, PA

Sources
1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joseph Mertz, 27, Whitehall, Lehigh, PA, Jane 26, Edward 3 live with Jacob Lazerus age 68 and family.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Joseph F Martz, 37, Allentown, Lehigh, PA, Ellen J 36, Edward J 13, Joseph H 11, Robert L 3, Mabel N 8m, Charles L 7, Jacob Lazarus 78.

Name: **William Henry Martz (P6b1c)**[1]

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Birth:	24 Aug 1849
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	15 Feb 1923
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Hillside Cemetery, Catawissa, PA
Father:	Joseph Martz (P6b1) (1807-1890)
Mother:	Sarah Helwig (1806-1882)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know William Henry as the son of Joseph since he lived with his father in 1850 and 1860. He is designated P6b1c.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

William Henry is on find-a-grave with two wives linked to him.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Marts, 31, Catawissa, Columbia, PA, Henrietta 29, George 5, Charolla 2.

Name: **Reuben K Martz (P6b2)**[1,2]

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Birth: 1805
Memo: (Age 45 in 1850)
Death: 15 June 1856
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Washingtonville Lutheran, Montour Co, PA
Father: Jacob Martz (P6b) (1779-1864)
Mother: Maria Elizabeth Shissler (1780-1855)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
THIS IS TOTAL SPECULATION.

Reuben K Martz existed. He was reported in the 1850 Census in Washingtonville, Montour County, PA and there is a find-a-grave memorial for him. But who was he, i.e. who was his father?

I have not been able to find a shred of evidence to answer that question. But there are death certificates for to of his sons who, like Reuben, qualify for inclusion in the Mærtz Hierarchical Project by virtue of being born in America prior to 1850. So just to have a place to put Reuben and his two sons in my database, I am placing him as a son of Jacob Martz who lived not too far away in Catawissa, Columbia County.

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Spouse: **Martha**

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Birth: 4 August 1812
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 17 February 1880
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Washingtonville Lutheran, Montour Co, PA

Parent-Proof
Her maiden name given as Smith on the death certificate of one child and as Martha Albertson on another.

Sources

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Reuben Martz, Washingtonville, Columbia, PA, 3 younger males and 1 age 30-40, 3 younger females and 2 age 20-30.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Reuben Martz, 45, Derry, Montour, PA, Martha 35, Catherine 17, Mary 12, Lucretia 10, David 4, James 1.

Name: **William Martz P6b2a)**[1]

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Birth: November 1834
Memo: (PA Death Certificate)
Death: 29 March 1910
Memo: (PA Death Certificate)
Father: Reuben K Martz (P6b2) (1805-1856)
Mother: Martha (1812-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
His death certificate says he was the on of Reuben and Martha Martz.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Martz, 26, Anthony, Montour, PA, Elizabeth 27, Aaron Moyer 22, Sarah Moyer 37.

Name: **Jacob Sidle Martz (P6b2b)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 4 September 1840
Memo: (PA Death Certificate)
Death: 14 July 1915
Memo: (PA Death Certificate)
Burial: Straubs Lutheran, Danvile, PA
Father: Reuben K Martz (P6b2) (1805-1856)
Mother: Martha (1812-1880)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
His death certificate says he was the on of Reuben and Martha (Albertson) Martz.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz age 9 Derry, Montour, PA l/w Samuel and Mary Hilkert.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 26, Hemlock, Columbia, PA, miner, Mary 24, James 3 and William Tilley age 36 and Louisa Tilley age 8.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz 39, Hemlock, Columbia, PA, Ettie 34, Alfred 9, Charles 6, Jennie 4, Lottie 9m.

Name: **James Martz (P6b2c)**[1]

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Birth: about 1849
Memo: (age in Census)
Father: Reuben K Martz (P6b2) (1805-1856)
Mother: Martha (1812-1880)

Sources
1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), James Marts 31, Danville, Montour, PA, Mary G 31, William L 3, Hatie M 1.

Name: **John Martz (P6c)**[1,2]

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Birth: abt 1796
Memo: (about same age as his wife)
Death: abt 1845
Memo: (present in 1840 Census, then disappeared)
Father: Jacob Mertz (P6) (~1755-<1803)
Mother: Margaretha Miller (-<1811)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I have begun to suspect that there was a John Martz of Augusta Township, PA who perhaps married and had children by 1820 and died there in the 1840's. His presence in Augusta Township suggests that the two best candidates to be his father would have been either David or Jacob Martz, the two earliest Martzes of that place. Since David definitely had a son John and I know his full biography, by process of elimination if this extra John existed he might have been the son of Jacob. (He was too old, I believe, to have been a grandson of either David or Jacob.)

I have considered that maybe Jacob's imagined son John was maybe one and the same as Jacob's known son John Henry, born in 1775, who I think maybe died young. In the early-mid 1700's, a boy named John Henry (Johann Heinrich) would have gone through life known as Henry but by the very late 1700's and certainly by the 1800's customs were changing and he might well have been known as John or John H as an adult. On the other hand, I think all the evidence points to John being younger than John Henry would have been.

Everything that follows is what I know and speculate to be true about a man I believe existed and was known as John Martz. He is designated P6c.

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Spouse: **Sarah Miller**[3,4]

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Birth: 1796
Memo: (age 54 in 1850)
Death: bef 31 Mar 1863
Memo: (date will proved)

My Comments

Sarah Martz existed. I first became aware of her from the 1850 Census. She was presumably a widow, she was age 54 and living with her were two presumed children: William age 16 and Sarah 14. The question was whose widow was she? I know a lot about the Martzes of that area in that period of time, and yet I had no immediate idea.

So I began to consider every Martz I knew who definitely existed but yet I couldn't be sure what happened to them. And about the first name I came up with was Peter Martz (P1d). He settled his father's estate in 1812, was in Census in 1820 and 1830 and then disappeared. Other than knowing he sold property in Chilisqauque with wife Elizabeth in about 1817 and that he had then lived in Sunbury and been involved in politics, I knew nothing more about him. So I googled "Peter and Sarah Martz".

And I got a hit. I found a citation in the Pennsylvania State Archives that in 1842, an appeal was made to to the PA Canals Commission for payment of money due him for operating the locks on the PA Canal on behalf of Sarah Martz widow of Peter. The idea began to form that Sarah was Peter's second wife.

To try to see if I could find any more evidence of the idea that Sarah was Peter's widow, I did more research on Peter and on Sarah and also on Peter's (first?) wife Elizabeth. Here are some things I learned:

Peter died in 1840.
Sarah wrote her will in 1863 and named her beloved son John.
John Martz of the right age to be Sarah's beloved son lived next door to Sarah in 1850.
An administration on the estate of Peter's widow Elizabeth was initiated in 1842.
Elizabeth's estate was settled in 1848 with payments to her children: Susan Purcell, Henry K Martz and John Martz.
The date of the petition for payments to Sarah was made on 11 Mar 1842.
Elizabeth's estate administration was initiated 12 Mar 1842.
The petition of Peter's widow, whose name was then give as Susan, was approved 15 Mar 1842.

I have considered many possible ways to make sense of all of this — see the very lengthy discussion in my profile of Peter Martz (P1d). But the key facts that made me finally decide that Sarah was NOT Peter's widow were these:

1. Peter had a son John by his wife Elizabeth. If he married second Sarah, would he have named another son John? I don't think so.
2. Elizabeth died in 1842. Now I have considered that maybe Elizabeth died years (a decade?) earlier but had no assets until her father died in 1839, so needed no administration until after that event. But on the other hand, her father's 1839 will did not refer to daughter Elizabeth as deceased, so the presumption is she was alive then.
3. The confusion in the PA State Archives as to whether Peter's widow was Sarah or Susan and the very coincidental timing of that petition and Elizabeth's estate entering administration. I just wonder whether the petition was initiated as a direct result of Elizabeth's death and perhaps they were confused on her name down in Harrisburg. (Or could her name have been Sarah Elizabeth or Susan Elizabeth?)

For those reasons, I finally ruled Peter out as Sarah's deceased husband. The next candidate I considered was John Martz who I knew only from the 1820 and 1840 Census and from Augusta Township tax lists in 1806 to 1827.

One thing perhaps supporting this idea is that in Pioneer Martzes of Northumberland County by Joseph A Meiser (and Richard J Martz), it says Sarah was the widow of John Martz. The John they are suggesting was her husband they say was born in 1807 (ignoring that Sarah was age 52 in 1850) and was in turn the son of John Martz and Elizabeth Arter. But all that is not true. John (P2a, see his profile elsewhere) and Elizabeth After did have a son John — but he was born in 1815 and died — with no heirs — in 1837.

Still, it is curious that they thought that Sarah was the widow of John. Did they have some evidence, not noted, in support of that idea?

Parent-Proof
Because Sarah Martz, widow, was living with Elizabeth Miller, 29 years her senior, in the 1850 Census, my guess is she was Sarah Miller.
Census History

I believe Sarah Martz in the 1850 and 1860 Census was the widow of John Martz. In 1850, she was age 54 and lived with William 16 and Sarah 14. Meiser suggests they were her grandchildren. Also living with Sarah in 1850 was Elizabeth Miller age 83 and Hannah Savage 44 and my guess is that Elizabeth may have been the mother of both Sarah and Hannah.

In 1860, her immediate neighbors were Elizabeth Fasold age 25 wife of Daniel and next to the Fasolds, John Martz age 38 whose wife was Harriet. I think John was her son who she left property and two houses to in her will.

Find-a-Grave
Sarah is not on find-a-grave. But I do know about when she died as she left a will (here abstracted): *"I, Sarah Martz of Lower Augusta Township…, considering the uncertainty….First, I give unto my beloved son John Martz this property with two houses on property and land also and after her (meaning my) death the loose property to be sold. I bequeath to each of my sons and daughters one dollar each. I bequeath unto Wm Martz a son of John Martz one mantle clock. I give bequeath the same to my beloved son John Martz, my Executor….19 March 1863."*

Her will proved 31 March 1863.

The William, son of John, she referred to was not the William living with her in 1850. Sarah's (presumed) son William was age 16 in 1850, while John's son William was born about 1853. In her will, she mentioned son John and mentioned that she had other sons and daughters, but did not name any of the others.

I believe William age 16 living with her in 1850 was another son. For now, I am proposing that he was the William who then in 1860 appeared in Census in Selinsgrove and who I otherwise can't identify.

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), John Mertz, 26-44, Augusta, North'd, PA, 3M<10, 1M26-44, 1F<10, 1F16-25.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Martz, 40-49, Augusta, North'd, PA, 1 each M<5, M5-9, M40-49, F10-14, F15-19, F40-49.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Sarah Martz, 54, Lower Augusta, North'd, PA, William 16, Sarah 14 l/w Elizabeth Miller 83, Hannah Savage 44, William Savage 16.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Sarah Martz, 68, Lower Augusta, North'd, PA.

Name: **John Martz (P6c1)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	23 Mar 1822
Memo:	(age 67y, 1m, 16d at death; find-a-grave says 1824)
Death:	9 May 1889
Memo:	(Fri 10 May 1889 newspaper article says "Saturday night"; find-a-grave says 1892)
Burial:	Lantz Emmanuel, Sunbury, PA
Father:	John Martz (P6c)
Mother:	Sarah Miller (1796-<1863)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Sarah Martz of Augusta Township, widow of John, I believe, died in 1863 and in her will named son John. He must be the John living two doors away from Sarah in the 1860 Census.

Additional evidence is that after John died, Sarah lived with Elizabeth Miller, her mother I would guess and Hannah Savage, her sister I would guess. John married Harriet Savage. If Harriet was, say, Hannah's brother's daughter or something like that, there was no blood relationship between John and Harriet.

John is designated P6c1.

Discrepancies

Joseph A Meiser in Martz/Mertz Pioneers of Northumberland County shows a John Martz born about 1824, son of Jacob Martz and Magdalena Malick, whose wife was Harriet and whose children were: Albert born 1849, Frank C (1861-1911), Mary J, Elizabeth, Harriet and Florence E.

He is talking about this John. I have no idea whether Jacob and Magdalena even had a son John; I do know that after Magdalena died, her living heirs sold her property and there was no John mentioned. So this John was not their son and in any event who was the John mentioned in Sarah's 1863 will? I think this John was Sarah's son John because he lived two doors away from her in 1860 and married Harriet Savage and Sarah's sister, I believe, married into the Savage family.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Two Northumberland County genealogists include John Martz in their respective listings for Lantzs Emanuel Cemetery near Sunbury, PA.

Heber Gearhart says his tombstone says age 68 years (no other dates). Gearhart shows no middle initial for John.

Joseph A Meiser, who came later, lists him as John H Martz 1824-1892. Those dates have been picked up by find-a-grave, as well the middle initial.

I have walked both the upper and lower parts of that cemetery and saw no sign of John.

I believe it is true that John is buried there but the dates, it seems certain, are suspect. There was a newspaper article published in the Northumberland County Democrat on Friday 10 May 1889 that describes the tragic death of John Martz of Upper Augusta Township in

gruesome detail; he was hit by a train. It doesn't specifically say when this accident occurred but it does say he will be buried Tuesday at Lantz's church. A Public Press article covered the same accident, the paper was dated Fri 10 May and said the accident happened Saturday night — so 4 May.

The only other biographical details it gives are: "he was 67 years, 1 month and 16 days old and left a wife and four children."

The obvious question is whether John who was hit by the train was Sarah's son John? I think it was because:

he lived in Augusta Township
he was buried at Lantz
his age in Census, specifically 38 in 1860 and 48 in 1870
he was survived by his widow
the dates aren't all that different from what Meiser said (with no apparent source)
I think he was survived by five children but four of them lived locally and one in Connecticut.

Known Sons
In the 1850-1880 Census, four sons are named for John and Harriet. I think only three survived: Albert, William and Frank. The fourth, John, was only listed with his parents in 1860, age 5, and then I think must have died before 1870.

I was able to find death certificates for Albert, William and Frank.

William M Martz (born 1853) was the son of John Martz and Harriet Savidge. Frank C Martz (born 1861) was the son of John and Harriet Savidge. (It was transcribed Elvidge, but it really does say Savidge.)

There is also a death certificate for Albert Martz though the informant was somewhat confused about the facts. It said Albert's parents were John Martz and Mary Savage. Harriet and Mary kind of sound alike (?) so perhaps it was mis-transcribed or someone may have been confused. I think John Martz only had one wife, Harriet Savage.

As Albert is the only son born before 1850, he is the only one who gets a designation code.

Known Daughters
Their daughter Florence Estella married Nelson Zartman.

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Spouse:	**Harriet Savage**
Birth:	29 Nov 1829
Memo:	(newspaper death notice; find-a-grave says 4 Dec 1832)
Marriage:	28 Jan 1849
Marr Memo:	(newspapers.com)
Death:	2 Jul 1902
Memo:	(newspaper death notice; find-a-grave says 9 Jan 1904)
Burial:	Lantz Emmanuel, Sunbury, PA

Parent-Proof

Three of John's and Harriet's children died after death certificates became mandatory. All say her maiden name was Savage. She was Harriet Savidge on son William's death certificate, Harriet Elvidge (but it was Savage) on son Frank's and Mary Savage on Albert's.

I also found a newspaper notice of the 1849 marriage of John Martz to Harriet Savidge, both of Augusta Township.

I don't know the relationship between Harriet Savage and Hannah who was living with Sarah Martz in 1850. Hannah, I think, was probably Hannah Miller who married Mr. Savage. Harriet could well have been his niece meaning their was no blood relationship between Harriet and her husband.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Gearhart says Harriet, wife of John Martz, is buried at Emanuel's (or Lantz) Cemetery and shares the tombstone with her husband. He says the tombstone says age 72 years (no dates otherwise).

Meiser gives exact dates for her: 4 Dec 1832-9 Jul 1904. (That would be age 71.)

Find-a-grave has picked up those dates from Meiser. I had no luck finding her tombstone either.

But I found a death notice in the Sunbury American dated Friday 4 Jul 1902. It says she died Wednesday (i.e. 2 Jul 1902) and was 72y, 7m, 5d (29 Nov 1829).

The notice also said she was survived by: William, John and Frank and Mrs. Nelson Zortman (local) and Mrs. Nelson Comp of Hartford, CT.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 27, Upper Augusta, North'd, PA, Harriet 19, Albert 1, Mary new born.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 38, Lower Augusta, North'd, PA, Harriet 28, Albert 11, William 7, John 5, Harriet A 1.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Marty, 48, Lower Augusta, North'd, PA, Harriet 37, Franklin 11, Mary J 9, Elizabeth 6, Harriet 3, infant new born.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 56, Upper Augusta, North'd, PA, Harriet 48, Frank 18, Mary I 15, Elisabeth 12, Florence E 6.

Name: **Albert Martz (P6c1a)**[1]

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Birth: 1849
Memo: (Gearhart transcription of Penns Cemetery, Census)
Death: 21 Dec 1910
Memo: (death certificate)
Burial: Penns Cemetery, Sunbury, PA
Father: John Martz (P6c1) (1822-1889)
Mother: Harriet Savage (1829-1902)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

There's a death certificate for Albert Martz that says he was the son of John Martz and Mary Savage. I think the informant was simply confused about the fact of Albert's mother's first name.

Albert was listed in the 1850 Census age 1 living with John and Harriet. Albert is designated P6c1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

Albert was also with his parents in 1860 age 11. I cannot find him in 1870. In 1880, he was age 30 reported as the son-in-law of Samuel Keefer. Harry Martz age 2 was present. Harry must have been Albert's son, so Samuel's grandson — but he was reported as Samuel's nephew.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

His death certificate said he died 21 Dec 1910 and the informant "thought" he was about 64 years old.

Gearhart lists Albert Martz 1849-1910 at Penns Cemetery. The 1849 date conforms better to Census.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Albert Martz, 30, Upper Augusta, North'd, PA, Harry 2 -- l/w Samuel Keefer.

Name: **William Mertz (P6c2)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 1833
Death: 1892[4]
Burial: Union Cemetery, Selinsgrove, PA
Father: John Martz (P6c)
Mother: Sarah Miller (1796-<1863)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

A William Mertz surfaces in Census in 1860 in Selinsgrove and is buried there. The obvious guess is that he was a descendant of Nicholas, progenitor of the Mertz family in Middleburg, or Philip, progenitor of the Mertz family of Freeburg. All the other Snyder County Mertzes were of one or the other of those two lines. (By 1880, Jeremiah Martz of the Dauphin County Martz line, moved to Selinsgrove but I think that is irrelevant to this discussion of who William was.)

For awhile I thought William was the son of Samuel (P5a1) but eventually I was able to track down his son William who moved to Illinois by 1850.

So who was this William? Searching the 1850 Census for a William of the right age who I otherwise hadn't already been able to track further, the only candidate was William, living with Sarah, and who I now presume was her son.

So William of Selinsgrove existed. Whether for sure he was Sarah's son and not related to her some other way is not totally proven, but it is my strong theory she had a son William by her husband Peter (P1d) and that is now my best theory on who William of Selinsgrove was.

He is designated P1d3.

Discrepancies

There are several problems with believing William Mertz of Selinsgrove was the son of Peter of Sunbury and Augusta Township.

The main one is the spelling of his name. By the time Sarah's son William was born, their surname had been long spelled Martz. The spelling had solidified for that line.

Now it is true that on the west side of the Susquehanna River, only the Mertz spelling was known. No Martz had ever moved there before.

And it is also true that when George Peter Mertz of Freeburg moved by 1850 to Northumberland, where only the Martz spelling was theretofore known, his name was first written Martz in the 1850 Census. But then, I think because George Peter could read and write and therefore knew how he thought his name should be spelled — it was corrected in all future recordings.

So, did William not know his name was Martz to cause a similar correction? Or did he figure out Mertz was the original spelling and went with it? Or does the Mertz spelling provide a clue William was not who I now say he was?

Another question is how did he meet his wife, Catherine Millhoff, who was living in Penns Township, near Selinsgrove and definitely across the river. Did he come to Selinsgrove first and meet her there?

Having said that, there is one small detail in support of the William Martz becomes William Mertz theory. Several of William's children found their way to Sunbury as adults. Now it wasn't that far, yet I can't think of other Snyder County folks finding their way there. What was the draw? In the case of William's children, could it be that his father was a true Sunburian? It was in their blood.

Relocated and Census Tracking
We find him in 1860-1880 in Selinsgrove.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
William is not on find-a-grave, Nor was he on Wagenseller's listing of Snyder County cemeteries done around the year 1900. He should have been if he died in 1892. But a listing of Snyder County burials by Joseph A Meiser shows him at Union Cemetery near Selinsgrove with dates 1833-1892.

We know from her death certificate and her obituary that that is where his wife Catherine was to be buried when she later died. She is not on find-a-grave either.

Known Daughters
We know his daughters from Census.

Known Sons
We know his sons from Census: Clement, Isaac Wentzel and Hathaway. Where did those names come from?

I have not designated any of them as they were born after 1850 but I have tracked all of them further in my database hoping it might provide some clues. It didn't.

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Spouse:	**Catherine Millhoff**
Birth:	17 Feb 1833
Death:	28 Sep 1910
Marriage:	1853
Burial:	Union Cemetery, Selinsgrove, PA
Father:	John Millhoff Jr. (1802-)
Mother:	Margaret

Parent-Proof
The PA death certificate of Isaac Wentzel Mertz gives his parents' names as William Mertz and Catherine Millhuff. The PA DC of Sarah Rebecca Harper gives her parents' names as William Mertz and Catherine Milhoff. The PA DC of Carrie Hall Warner gives her parents' names as William Mertz and Catherine Meilhoff.

Catherine Millhoff was the daughter of John Millhoff Jr and his wife Margaret.

Census History
Catherine is reported twice in the 1900 Census, with son Isaac in Sunbury and also with daughter Sarah.

Find-a-Grave
Her obituary appeared in the Middleburg Newspaper 6 Oct 1910. Mrs. Katheryne Mertz of Sunbury died at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Hinkle in Selinsgrove 28 Sep 1910 age 77y, 7m, 11 d [17 Feb 1833]. She was married in 1853 to William Mertz who preceded her in death. She was the mother of 9 children, only four of whom survive: Isaac and Clement and Carrie and Sallie.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), William Mertz, Selinsgrove, day laborer, 26, Catharine 27, Clement 3, Sarah 1.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Mertz, Selinsgrove, laborer, 37, Catharine 37, C W 12, Sarah R 11, Isaac W 9, H S 3, Catharine 1, John Millhoff 73.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Mertz, 47, Selinsgrove, Snyder, PA, Catherine 47, Klem W 23, Isaac 18, Sallie 20, Hathaway 13, Katie 11, Carrie 9.
4. Collection of Cemetery Transcriptions Finsterbush et al, Various, Snyder County, PA, 2000, "Wagenseller Updates," Repository: Snyder Co US GenWeb Page, William Mertz 1833 - 1892 and Catherine 1833-1910.

Name: **Abraham Mertz (P7)**[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]

Birth:	abt 1758 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(listed on 1779 tax list, single)
Death:	1816
Death Memo:	(Lehigh County land record)
Father:	5G GF Hans Peter Mertz (P) (~1717-<1787)
Mother:	5G GM Catharina

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Abraham Mertz existed. He was first listed on the 1779 Berks/Longswamp tax list as a single man -- from which we have deduced his approximate 1758 birth. He was listed as a sponsor at five Mertz baptisms starting in 1776 and in every one of them, the parent was, I believe, a grown child of Hans Peter. That suggests that Abraham, too, must have been a child of Hans Peter.

Even more compelling, the Berks/Longswamp tax lists in the early 1780's consistently showed Peter Mertz being taxed on 400 acres of land, no other Mertz of that era in that place even came close to owning that much land. Then, in 1784, Peter was not listed as a taxable, (though still alive), but Abraham Mertz was -- with 400 acres.

Early on, I believed that Abraham might have been the son of John Jacob, but I am now convinced that Abraham was the son of Hans Peter. I believe he was the seventh and youngest son. He is designated P7.

Discrepancies
When I first started thinking about Abraham, I assumed he had been born in the early 1760's which would make him old enough to be a sponsor in 1776 and marry by 1783. I therefore came to the early conclusion that he may have been the son of John Jacob (son of Nicholas) who I believed was about the only Mertz having children in the early 1760's.

But a man named Scott Martz from Michigan found my website and contacted me about Abraham, who he believed was his ancestor (but I think I have proven he was mistaken in that notion). Scott pointed out to me what my own data showed -- but which I hadn't laid out in quite the way Scott got me to see it -- and that was that Abraham was always the sponsor for Peter's grandchildren. This also caused me to look more closely at the tax lists of Berks/Longswamp from that period and those too convinced me that 1.) Abraham was a little older than I had thought originally and 2.) he seemed to be closely associated with Hans Peter's family.

I think his birth was more like 1758.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
Abraham was listed in the Pennsylvania Septennial Census: in 1779 in Longswamp Township, single and in 1786 also in Longswamp.

1790. I think he was the only Abraham old enough to be listed in the 1790 Census. I also think he was one of but two of Peter's sons who did not move to Northumberland County. I would have expected to find him in Longswamp Township but there was an Abraham in Hereford Township and I think this was him.

He was still in Hereford in 1800, age 26-44.

In 1810, I'm sure it is him in Longswamp age 45+.

Death and Find-a-Grave
Two sequential land records found in Lehigh County Deed Book 4 page 212 and 213 tell the rest of Abraham's story, I think. In 1816, the sheriff of Lehigh County sells off a 33 acre tract of land that had belonged to Abraham Mertz then deceased. The land was seized as best I can tell because Abraham owed money to Owen Rice and Owen Rice acquired that land. And the in 1822, he sold it to Abraham Mertz, Jr.

Abraham is not on find-a-grave.

Known Daughters
Abraham and Catharina baptized daughter Anna in 1802 and daughter Elizabeth in 1808. From her father's will and later estate papers, we learn the names of Catharina's surviving children in 1830 -- her daughters were Anna and Eliza who shared in his estate and Mary who was disowned.

Known Sons
From their baptisms at Longswamp, we know that Abraham and Catharina had a son John George born 22 Jan 1786, Johannes born 8 Jan 1787 and Jacob born 21 Jun 1799. I long suspected that there may have been two others. One was a younger Abraham who appeared in Salisbury in 1830 where I thought the older Abraham had been in 1820 (I now think it was the younger Abraham all along). The other was Peter who was born in 1783 per his tombstone, who I believe was the Peter who baptized son Ely at Longswamp in 1808 and, because of the Longswamp connection, for whom Abraham was the best candidate to be his father.

We know Abraham married sometime after 1781 when he was listed as a single man on a tax list and as single sponsor at a baptism and 1783 when he and wife Catharina were named together as sponsors. So my guess would be he married in 1782 and had son Peter in 1783.

And then I remembered that I had been tipped off long ago by Sharon Gill Vanden Bossche that Leonard Griesemer's will noted that the children of his daughter Catharine, except for Mary, were to share in his estate. The will did not name those children but I went and found his estate file and the accounting filed in 1830 named the six surviving children other than Mary. The sons were: Peter, Jacob, Charles and Abraham. Obviously John George and Johannes died before then.

Normally, I would think the children would have been listed in birth order, in this case I think maybe not. If I have correctly identified Abraham Jr. in Census, he was born about 1796. In 1790, Abraham Sr. only had one son who must have been Peter, meaning John George and Johannes really had died young. Then in 1800, there were three sons age 0-9: Abraham and Jacob, I think, and possibly Charles. Finally in 1810, there was one son 0-9, perhaps he was Charles.

So Charles is the son I have no real clue as to his birth. I also have no idea what happened to him. In 1830, if I have correctly identified Abraham Jr. in Census, he had a younger male living with him (either the one age 15-19 or the one age 20-29) who was deaf or dumb. I am guessing that was maybe Charles. Only Peter, Abraham and Jacob are assigned designations and tracked further.

P7a Peter born 1783
P7b Abraham born 1796
P7b Jacob born 1799

Something that ties at least Peter and Abraham Jr. together is that in 1822 (Lehigh Deed Book 6, page 226) Jacob Griesemer, Executor of Leonard, sold a 13 acre tract in Salisbury to Abraham Mertz Jr which Leonard had bought in 1814 from Peter and Jane Mertz.

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Spouse:	**Anna Catharina Griesemer**

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Birth:	abt 1765
Death:	bef 17 Nov 1817
Father:	John Leonard Griesemer
Mother:	Elizabeth Le Fevre

Parent-Proof
From the records of Longswamp Reformed Church, we know that Abraham's wife was Catharina. A hint suggesting her maiden name is that the sponsors at the baptism of their son John George in 1786 were Leon Grismer and wife Elisabeth. And that hint led to the will of Leonard Griesemer written in 1817 proved in 1821: he left his estate in equal shares to his children, except the share of his (apparently pre-deceased) daughter Catharina, wife of Abraham Mertz, to go to her children. The estate file proved key, Catharina's children were not named in the will but were in the estate file.

Discrepancies
I have in a very old handwritten note this from Butz: Abraham and Catharina Drescher (?) baptized children in 1786-1808. I think Butz has been proven wrong as to her maiden name.

Sources
1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. Abraham and Catharina baptize son Jacob on 19 Sep 1802, so Abraham did not move to North'd Co in 1789 or so when the others went. The sponsors were Johannes and Margretha Weiler, could she be Abraham's sister?
2. Probate Records Berks County, PA, 1700's to current, Wills, Estate Files, Repository: LDS On-line Images, Also now on Ancestry.com, Leonard Griesemer estate account in 1830 lists the seven surviving children of dau Catharine intermarried with Abraham Mertz: Peter, Jacob, Charles, Anna, Eliza, Abraham all share and Mary no share.
3. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Abrm Mertz, Hereford Twp, Berks Co, PA, 1,1,2.
4. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Mertz, Hereford Twp, Berks Co, PA, 3/0, 0/1, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
5. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Mertz, Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA, 1/3, 2/0, 0/1, 0/0, 1/1.
6. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 8 Jan 1787. Johannes Mertz s/o Abraham and Catharina. Sponsors: Adam Klein and Elisabetha Mertz.
7. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 4 Jun 1802. Anna Mertz d/o Abraham and Catharina baptized. Sponsors: Georg and Margretha Reber.
8. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 22 May 1808. Elisabeth Mertz d/o Abraham baptized.

Name: **Peter Mertz (P7a)**[1]

Birth:	8 Feb 1783
Birth Memo:	(tombstone)
Death:	9 Apr 1845[2]
Death Memo:	(tombstone)
Burial:	Union Church, Fogelsville, Lehigh Co, PA
Father:	Abraham Mertz (P7) (~1758-)
Mother:	Anna Catharina Griesemer (~1765-<1817)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I have long suspected that Abraham had a son Peter because there was a Peter Mertz who baptized a son Ely in 1808 at Longswamp Reformed. Abraham was, at the time, about the only what I call Generation II Mertz still in the area. And then I found the proof in the estate papers of Leonard Griesemer, Peter's maternal grandfather. Peter was listed first on the list of Catharina's six surviving children.

He is designated P7a.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Peter is difficult to locate in Census. For one thing, there was another Peter (Y1a), both exactly the same age, in Lehigh County and the other was, I think, the one in Macungie Township in 1820 and 1830. Then in 1840, there were three Peter Mertz in Lehigh County. The young one in Lower Macungie was Y2a1, I think. The other two were both age 50-59. I could go either way, but since Fogelsville is in Upper Macungie Township, I have made this Peter the one in that place.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
I found his burial record one time on a list of Lehigh County burials with complete birth and death dates. As of summer 2015, he is not on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
Peter and his wife Joanna baptized son Ely in 1808 -- these three people are buried at Union Church, Fogelsville, Lehigh County.

Spouse: **Joanna Fey**

Birth:	1784	
Marriage:	6 Dec 1807	Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Death:	1855	
Burial:	Union Church, Fogelsville, Lehigh Co, PA	

Parent-Proof
I have never concerned myself with knowing the names of her parents. Had i ever seen any mention of them, I would have made note. But it would be nice to know her full name.

M L Kueker found on LDS film 1294878 (Butz) record of the marriage of Peter Mertz to Joanna Frey 6 Dec 1807. But I found the records of Rev. Helffrich who gave her name as

Joanna Fey. And, I also have in a very old handwritten note this from Butz: Peter and Johanna Fly baptized a child in 1808.

In the transcription I have of Longswamp records, her first name was given as Rhinney. And on the burial records I found, her first name was given as Jane.

My best guess is her name was Joanna Fey.

Sources

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Peter Martz, Upper Macungie Twp, Lehigh Co, PA, 50-59M, <5F, 20-29F, 40-49F.
2. Specific LDS Film 20838, DAR Bible Records and Cemetery Transcriptions, Tombstones of Peter, wife Jane (sic?) and son Elias at Fogelsville.

Name: **Ely Mertz (P7a1)**[1]

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Birth:	24 Mar 1808 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Death:	1838
Burial:	Union Church, Fogelsville, Lehigh Co, PA
Father:	Peter Mertz (P7a) (1783-1845)
Mother:	Joanna Fey (1784-1855)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
I know him as Ely from his baptism at Longswamp Reformed. I know him as Elias from his burial record in the same cemetery as his parents.

He is designated P7a1.

At Jerusalem Church (in Salisbury), I found the marriage of Elias Mertz and Lydia Roth 7 Sep 1830. I think this is him too.

Complicating any search for Ely is that there was another Elias Mertz (H6a4) in the Lehigh County area at the same time. He was a little younger, born 1815, and this can help tell them apart but there could be record where t is not clear which Ely/Elias it was.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Like his father, he is elusive in Census. There was an Elias Mertz in South Whitehall Township in 1840, but that is after this Elias apparently died, so I believe this was the other Elias.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
He is buried with his parents, he died young. As of summer 2015, he is not on find-a-grave.

Known Sons
I think he had a son Charles A based on an inquiry I received from the wife of Thomas Mertz, a descendant of Charles.

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Spouse: **Lydia Roth**

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Marriage:	7 Sep 1830
Marr Memo:	(Records of Jerusalem Union Church)

Parent-Proof
In the records of the Jerusalem Union Church in Lehigh County, Elias Mertz married Lydia Roth 7 Sep 1830. This is the church where the family of Elias Mertz (H6a4) worshipped and were named in many church records — but I don't think that marriage was him.

In the 1850 and later Census his wife was Sophia and death certificates of several children, including his oldest, confirm her name. Besides, that Elias was only 15 years old in 1830.

So while I see no other instance of Ely being associated with the Jerusalem Church, he was of Lehigh County and his burial record said Elias.

Lydia, like her husband, is elusive in Census. You'd think she might have been listed in the 1840 Census, but she wasn't. She might well have been living with her parents so it is understandable she wasn't a named head of household. But in 1850, she should be somewhere. Even if she had remarried, her son Charles A should have been listed. But no sign of either.

Sources

1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 24 Mar 1808. Ely Mertz s/o Peter and Rhinney baptized. Sponsors: Nicolaus and Salome Keyser.

Name: **Charles A Mertz (P7a1a)**[1,2, 3]

Birth:	16 Feb 1833
Birth Memo:	(age was given on tombstone)
Death:	1 Dec 1884
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Haven Hill, Olney, Richland Co, IL
Father:	Ely Mertz (P7a1) (1808-1838)
Mother:	Lydia Roth
Other spouses:	Annie Perry

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Julie, the wife of Thomas Mertz, contacted me in 2014 and we discussed her ancestry and her husband's. She descends from a Maertz family from Russia. Her husband Thomas H Mertz was the son of Don Allen Mertz of Ponca City, OK. His father was Roy Mertz born 1879 in Mattoon, IL and died in 1952 in Ponca City. Roy was married to Sarah Jane Beckett.

Julie believed (based on Ancestry trees) that Roy's father may have been Franklin B. Mertz (1840-1925 born Allen Town, died Iowa).

I convinced Julie to have Thomas submit his DNA. I actually thought the Allentown connection might well link Thomas to the Mertz Church DNA group -- so I was quite surprised when it turned out he was of the Longswamp Mertzes. That made me quite curious, so I began digging on my own.

I was able to show Julie that Roy was in fact LeRoy Mertz and his father was Charles A Mertz. She then found the marriage record of Charles A to Catherine Dornblazer and we were able to find solid evidence that this was the Mertz family of Mattoon, IL.

We still do not know who Charles A Mertz was for certain, but the marriage record Julie found was from Fogelsville, Lehigh County, PA. That sure rang a bell as I had already known that a Peter Mertz and his wife Joanna Fey were buried in Fogelsville as well their son Ely/Elias.

So I have placed Charles A in my database as the son of Ely -- but this all could still be described as a little speculative. Charles is designated P7a1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

I found the family in 1860-1880 in Mattoon. His wife was Catherine in 1860 and 1870 consistent with the Fogelsville marriage record, but then Annie in 1880. Catherine, meantime, was still alive in 1880, living with her son Eugene and his wife.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Charles A Mertz is on find-a-grave. He is buried in Olney, Richland County, IL. His date of death given on find-a-grave is 1 Dec 1884. From the photo of his tombstone, I can make out that he was age 51y, 9m, 15d which computes to a birth date of 16 Feb 1833, which is not inconsistent with his age as given in Census. Olney is not too far from Mattoon but I have no idea why Charles would have been buried there. No other Mertzes are buried in Richland County.

There was a State Legislative Act I found by searching for Charles of Mattoon that granted a pension to Annie, the widow of Charles A Mertz who died 1 Dec 1884 after years of suffering from a disease he contracted during service in the Civil War.

So Charles on find-a-grave is clearly Charles of Mattoon.

Spouse: Catherine E Dornblazer

Marriage: 18 May 1854 Fogelsville, Lehigh Co, PA

Research

She married Edward Hall, age 69, in Jun 1880 when she was 49.

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), C A Merts, 28, Mattoon, Coles, IL, Cath E 29, Mary A 5, Eugene 2.

2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Charles Merst, 38, Charleston, Coles, IL, Catharine 37, Mary 16, Myme (sic, Eugene) 12.

3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles Wertz, 43, Mattoon, Coles, IL, Annie 33, Charlie 3, LeRoy 1.

Name: **Abraham Mertz (P7b)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth: 1796
Birth Memo: (age 54 in 1850, 64 in 1860)
Death: abt 1865
Death Memo: (not present in 1870)
Father: Abraham Mertz (P7) (~1758-)
Mother: Anna Catharina Griesemer (~1765-<1817)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know from his 1817 will and then the filing of the 1830 estate account of Leonard Griesemer of Hereford Township, Berks County — who owned land in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County — that Leonard had a grandson named Abraham Mertz, son of Abraham.

I believe he is the Abraham Mertz in Salisbury in 1820 and 1830.

Leonard's grandsons were named in this order: Peter, Jacob, Charles and Abraham. Peter was born in 1783 and Jacob in 1799. There were two sons between those two who died young. But from the tick marks in Abraham Sr.'s household, I just think Charles and Abraham were older than Jacob.

Plus he was reported as age 30-39 in 1830. Abraham is designated P7b.

Relocated and Census Tracking
Abraham Mertz (Sr.) was in Longswamp Township in 1810 and then disappeared from that place. But an Abraham Mertz then showed up in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County who I thought might be him.

Abraham's father-in-law, Leonard Griesemer, died in 1821 and said in his will he was of Hereford Township, Berks County but then referred to his lands in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County. That ties this all together for me. I should note that neither Hereford nor Salisbury is all that far from Longswamp.

So it seemed logical to me that Abraham had moved to Salisbury by 1820. But then I found a land record indicating that Abraham had died in 1816, his land was sold by the County Sheriff to pay some debt of his. Abraham owed Owen Rice money, Owen got the land.

And then in 1822, Owen Rice sold that 33 acre tract to Abraham Mertz Jr. So then I looked more closely at the 1820 Census record and I can convince myself, even though there was an older man present in the household (Leonard Griesemer?), there was also one age 18-26 and I believe that was Abraham Jr. and he was the named head of household.

Abraham was still in Salisbury in 1830. After that I'm not 100% positive.

I believe Abraham's brother Jacob moved to Derry Township, then in Columbia County, and I have considered that the Abraham who showed up in nearby Roaring Creek Township may be this Abraham. But after more analysis, I have rejected that idea. See the 18th Century Pioneer Mertzes white paper my website.

I now believe that this Abraham can be found in the poor house of Lehigh County in 1850 and 1860. I can not account for him in 1840, he might well have already have been there.

His 1830 Census listing is a little confusing, but interesting. There were four people present in the household. A male age 15-19, another age 20-29 and one age 30-39. I believe

Abraham was the one age 30-39. And there was a female age 60-69. Abraham's mother had already died, so I'm baffled by who that could be.

The interesting part, though, is that on a separate schedule, it was reported that one person in the household, age 14-24, was blind or dumb. I don't know whether that was the one age 15-19 or the one 20-29 but my hunch is it was Charles since I otherwise have no idea what happened to him..

I do not know who the extra male was.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
I sort of doubt Abraham married. I do not think he had any children. He is not on find-a-grave. I don't know when he died but I think the 1860 Census was his last so I have estimated 1865.

Sources
1. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Martz, Salisbury Twp, Lehigh Co, PA, 0/0, 0/1, 2/0, 1, 0/0, 1/1.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abraham Martz, Salisbury Twp, Lehigh Co, PA, 15-19M, 20-29M, 30-39M, 60-69F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham März, 54, South Whitehall, Lehigh, PA, this is the poor house.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Mertz, 64, South Whitehall, Lehigh, PA, this is the poor house.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P7c)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	21 Jun 1799 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo:	(Longswamp baptism record)
Death:	19 Dec 1852
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Strawberry Ridge, Montour Co, PA
Father:	Abraham Mertz (P7) (~1758-1825)
Mother:	Anna Catharina Griesemer (~1765-<1817)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
Abraham had a son Jacob. According to his baptism record at Longswamp Reformed, he was born 21 Jun 1799.

In the estate papers of Leonard Griesemer, Jacob's maternal grandfather, Jacob was listed second on the list of Catharina's six surviving children. However, based on Census tick mark analysis in his father's household, and the fact that I know when Jacob was born, I believe he may have been the youngest son.

He is designated P7c.

The question is what happened to him?

Relocated and Census Tracking
There is a Jacob Mertz documented in the History of Montour County. It says that *"he was a native of Pennsylvania, where he passed all his life, dying in 1851, when fifty-two years old. Bringing his wife (they had no children then) to Montour county, he located first in Anthony Township, later moving to Strawberry Ridge, in Derry township, where he passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He married Elizabeth Schuck, of Turbotville, Northumberland County."*

Jacob was listed in the 1850 Census in Derry Township, Montour County with sons John 10, Henry 10, Jacob 7 and Philip 2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob and his wife Elizabeth are on find-a-grave.

Discrepancies
His memorial on find-a-grave says he was born 23 Sep 1800 and died 19 Dec 1852. There is a photo of his tombstone which is basically unreadable to me but I think it gives only his date of death and age. There is comment there on why they have posted the 1852 date of death even though the county history says 1851: *"actual death date is 1852 from tombstone and the annuals have been known to be wrong."*

So there is no disagreement as to his age, 52, the argument is whether he died in 1852 or 1851. If it was 1851, that would be quite consistent with a 1799 birth date. If this memorial is not Jacob P7c, I have no better idea who it is and I have no idea whatever happened to Jacob P7c. It is all so close, I think it is him and I note that neither the county history nor the memorial on find-a-grave is of any help as to the names of Jacob's parents.

I should say, though, that the death certificate of his daughter Frances said her parents were both born in Union County. In addition, there was also a Reuben Martz born about

1805 in Montour County, too, could he have been related? I don't know where this could lead, the possibilities are pretty slim for anyone I know to have had those two sons in Union County but I will keep an open mind.

Known Daughters
From Census and/or find-a-grave, I can identify five daughters:

Margaret (1835-1907) married Charles Bird. She was not present in Jacob's household in 1850 but her death certificate identifies her parents.

Sarah was age 19 in 1850 in her father's household. I don't know what happened to her after that.

Elizabeth (1846-1925) married Jacob St Clair. She was present in her parents' household 1850-1870. I found a marriage notice for her in newspapers.com, a clip dated 16 July 1870 that she had recently married Jacob H St. Clair. When her brother Henry died in 1919, a newspaper notice said he was survived by one sister, Eliza St Clair of West Point, Nebraska.

Mary Catherine (1850-1908) married James Frazier. She was present in her parents household in 1860 and 1870.

Frances (1839-1906) was sometimes spelled Frances (the actual female spelling) but often spelled Francis (the male spelling) so I was confused about whether there was also a son named Francis. For example, in 1880, we find the remnants of Jacob and Elizabeth's household. It is headed by Francis and also present her brothers Henry and Philip and Henry's son "Sebastin" named Sylvester in 1870. And her death certificate, clearly stating she was female, spelled her name Francis.

Known Sons
Three sons are linked to him on find-a-grave: William H, John and Jacob. All three stayed locally, a biography for each is on their find-a-grave memorial, their wives and children linked to them there. All are designated as is Henry, a fourth son. There was a fifth son, Philip, but at least by 1880, when he was living with his sister Frances, and his brother Henry, does not appear to have married nor lived on his own, so he is not designated.

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Spouse:	**Elizabeth Schuck**[4,5]
Birth:	15 Apr 1810
Birth Memo:	(age from newspaper cited on find-a-grave)
Death:	10 Aug 1877
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Strawberry Ridge, Montour Co, PA

Sources
1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 19 Sep 1802. Abraham and Catharina baptize son Jacob born 21 Jun 1799.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Martz, Salisbury Twp, Lehigh Co, PA, <5M, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F.
3. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 48, Derry, Montour, PA, Eliz 37, Sarah 19, John 14, Frances 12, Henry 10, Jacob 7, Eliza 5, Philip 2.

4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Martz 47, Anthony, Derry, Montour, William 25, Elizabeth 24, Jacob 16, Eliza 14, Philip 12, Mary 8.
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Eliza Martz, 58, Derry, Montour, PA, Mary 17, Eliza 22.

Name: **William H Martz (P7c1)**[1,2,3,4]

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Birth:	3 Jul 1835
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	25 Apr 1898
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Strawberry Ridge, Montour Co, PA
Father:	Jacob Martz (P7c) (1799-1852)
Mother:	Elizabeth Schuck (1810-1877)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know William as Jacob's son since after Jacob died, his "remnant" family was living with William. He is designated P7c1.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Willam and his wife Juliet are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Juliet Girton**

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Birth:	23 Feb 1845
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	29 Sep 1928
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Strawberry Ridge, Montour Co, PA

Parent-Proof
She was the daughter of Andrew Runyon and Susannah (Reaser) Girton per her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Wm Martz 15, Derry, Montour, PA, lives with John Rittenhouse family.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Martz 47, Anthony, Derry, Montour, William 25, Elizabeth 24, Jacob 16, Eliza 14, Philip 12, Mary 8.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Marts, 37, Derry, Montour, PA, Juliet 26, Andy 9, Elizabeth 7, Jacob 3, Anna 1.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Martz 46, Derry, Montour, PA, Julia 36, Andrew 18, Lizzie 16,Jacob 14, Annie 11, Charles 9, Lottie 6.

Name: **John Martz (P7c2)**[1,2]

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Birth:	27 Sep 1837
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	24 Mar 1905
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Washingtonville Lutheran, Montour Co, PA
Father:	Jacob Martz (P7c) (1799-1852)
Mother:	Elizabeth Schuck (1810-1877)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know John as Jacob's son since he lived with his father in 1850. He is designated P7c2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

John and his wife Susan are on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Susan Elizabeth Girton**

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Birth:	9 Jul 1842
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	19 Sep 1896
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Washingtonville Lutheran, Montour Co, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 30, Derry, Montour, PA, Mary 29, William 5, Mary 3, Harry 2, John 1, Clinton Snyder 19.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 40, Derry, Montour, PA, Susan E 35, Jacob W 17, James E 16, Franklin E 10, Caroline 8, Susan 5, Harry 3, Mary 1m.

Name: **Henry Martz (P7c3)**[1,2,3]

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Birth: 1842
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 20 Aug 1919
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Father: Jacob Martz (P7c) (1799-1852)
Mother: Elizabeth Schuck (1810-1877)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Henry as Jacob's son since he lived with his father in 1850 and with other family members in 1860 and 1880. He is designated P7c3.

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Relocated and Census Tracking
Henry was married but only for a short time. He did have a son named Sebastian or Sylvester. By 1880, Henry's wife had died and he lived with his sister and brother and his son.

Death and Find-a-Grave
He is not on find-a-grave. The Danville Morning News of 21 Aug 1919 reported that "Henry Martz, a well known resident of Washingtonville, died yesterday…age 77…survived by one sister Eliza St Clair of West Point, Nebraska and one son, Ambrose of Milton."

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Spouse: **Susan Umstead**

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Parent-Proof
Her maiden name comes from the death certificate of their son Ambrose (who must have been the son Sebastian in 1870 and 1880). It was spelled Unstead there and in the 1860 Census, Umpstead on Ambrose's Social Security Application and Umstead in the 1850 Census. Her parents in those Census were Jesse and Barbara.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Henry Mertz, 17, Limestone, Montour, PA, lives with Folder family.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Henry Marts, 28, Derry, Montour, PA, Susan 23, John 3, Sylvester 1.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Henry Martz, 33, Derry, Montour, PA, Francis (head of household) 36, Phillip 28, Sibasten 11.

Name: **Jacob Martz (P7c4)**[1,2,3]

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Birth:	26 Mar 1843
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	29 Mar 1913
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Washingtonville Lutheran, Montour Co, PA
Father:	Jacob Martz (P7c) (1799-1852)
Mother:	Elizabeth Schuck (1810-1877)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation
We know Jacob as the son of Jacob from his presence in his father's 1850 household and the "remnant" household in 1860. He is designated P7c4.

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Death and Find-a-Grave
Jacob and his wife Clarissa are on find-a-grave.

Relocated and Census Tracking
In 1860, he lived with the Andrew Girton family. Two of Jacob's brothers married Andrews's daughters.

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Spouse: **Clarissa Snyder**

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Birth:	5 Apr 1849
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	21 Dec 1865
Marr Memo:	(PA Town and Church Records @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	8 Nov 1922
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Washingtonville Lutheran, Montour Co, PA

Parent-Proof
Clara was the daughter of Henry Clinton and Eliza (Kelchner) Snyder per her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources
1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 19, Derry, Montour, PA, lives with Andrew Girton family.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop $, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 27, Washingtonville, Montour, PA, Clara 21, Wellington 3, Salie 1.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 36, Washingtonville, Montour, PA, Clairissa 31, Henry W 13, Margaret 11, Mily 7, Mary 6, Dora 5, Atwood 2, Clara 1m.