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PREFACE

The record of the ancestor of the Van Buskirk family, Jacob Van Buskirk, who emigrated from Holland and settled in Hackensack, New Jersey, has been transcribed from an old Low Dutch Bible, which belonged to him, and was printed in Amsterdam, in the year 1671. This family Bible is now in the possession of the family of the late Dr. W. A. Van Buskirk, Deceased.

The record of the Leshner family as transcribed in this book, was copied from a German Bible which was printed in Wurnberg in the year 1720, and was known as the Leshner Bible, having been the family Bible of my great grandfather, Jacob Leshner.

The following is a literal translation of the Family Record of Jacob Van Buskirk, who emigrated from Holland (exact date unknown) to America, and settled at Hackensack, in the upper end of the state of New Jersey, as taken from an old Low Dutch Bible, which belonged to him and was printed in Amsterdam, A. D. 1671.

In the year 1727, June 25th, I, Jacob Van Buskirk was married.

A. D. 1728, April 20th, my son Lawrence was born.

A. D. 1731, January 7th, my son John was born.

A. D. 1733, April 10th, my daughter Maria was born.

A. D. 1736, August 1st, my son John was born.

A. D. 1739, February 11th, my son Jacob was born.

Anna Maria, 83 years old, died in 1831.

Jacob, died August 5th, 1800, at Upper Dublin.

Of the above mentioned descendants of said Jacob Van Buskirk, his youngest son is best known. Of him we have more information than of any of the other children of said ancestor, hence a more complete knowledge of his lineal descendants, the places where they first settled, and the parts of the country to which they severally removed. The following concerning Jacob Van Buskirk who was born A. D. 1739, February 11th, is found in the record of the Leshner family, with which family the Van Buskirk family subsequently became connected by marriage, as will be more fully shown hereinafter.

Jacob Van Buskirk was born at Hackensack, N. J., studied divinity with the Rev. Muhlenberg at Trappe, Montgomery,

County, Pennsylvania, and was, as far as can be known, the first minister that studied in America. In the year he received a call as pastor of the Lutheran Church at Falkner Swamp, when the present old church was not yet built. Thence he took the pastorate at Germantown. In the same year he took the pastorate at Millerstown, now in Lehigh County, where he preached at least thirty years. Thence he moved to North Wales, Montgomery County, where he died in the year 1801, after a very brief illness, and was buried in the North Wales graveyard, behind the pulpit. Rev. Schaeffer of Germantown preached the funeral sermon and Rev. Geissenheiner delivered an address at the house. He reached the age of sixty-two years, four months.

In the year 1764 he was married in Philadelphia by Domini Muhlenberg to Anna Maria Hollebag (Hollenbach) of Falkner Swamp, and the following children are taken from the Van Buskirk Record. (The dates of their deaths, from the Leshar Record).

A. D. 1765, July 24th, my daughter Elizabeth was born; on the 20th of September was baptized, Matthias Hollenbach and wife Elizabeth being the sponsor.

A. D. 1767, August 17th, my son Jacob was born, baptized August 30th, the father, Jacob Van Buskirk, being the sponsor. The son, Jacob Van Buskirk, died in the year 1815, unmarried, at Bath, New York.

A. D. 1769, October 23rd, my son John was born, baptized November 12th, the parents themselves, being the Sponsors. The same married Catharine Eckerd, of Womelsdorf, emigrated to the State of Virginia and settled near the town of Winchester. Had two sons: William, who was secretary of state of Maryland, and a lawyer by profession, and John, who studied medicine with his uncle Dr. George Van Buskirk at Pottstown, and after finishing his studies returned to Philadelphia, where he died when quite a young man. He practiced medicine a short time at Trexlentown.

A. D. 1771, December 6th, my daughter Salome was born, was baptized, Rev. J. G. Yung and wife being the Sponsors. The same married Jacob Scheimer, esq.

A. D. 1774, July 14th, my daughter Maria was born, was baptized, the Sponsors being Dr. Martin and wife. The same married Philip Hahn, died March 28th, 1828.

A. D. 1776, August 20th, my son Matthias was born, baptized September 20th, the Sponsors being Daniel Lemar and wife, Catherine. Died in infancy.

A. D. 1778, May 23rd, my son George was born, baptized June 14th, the parents themselves as Sponsors. This son also died in infancy.

A. D. 1779, June 14th, my daughter Lydia was born, baptized August 14th, the parents themselves being Sponsors. The

same married Adam Singmaster. My daughter Lydia was married a second time to Daniel Good, of Lehigh County, Pa.

A. D. 1782, April 18th, my daughter Dina was born, baptized June 19th, the parents themselves as Sponsors. The same married Peter Grim; died August 28th, 1851.

NOTE—(The following children were not recorded in the Low Dutch Bible from which the record of the preceding children was copied).

Esther, married Michael Croll of Sumneytown.

George Washington, born August 11th, 1787, baptized, Sponsors, Geo. Breinig, Esq., and wife. The same died February 26th, 1870, having been married to E. Leshar, April 20th, 1791.

Thomas, born April 20th, 1791, died March 22nd, 1828, having been married in the year 1813 to Catharine Schlichter.

The wife of the Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk (maiden name Hollenbach) died at Millerstown, Lehigh County at the residence of her daughter, Lydia, the wife of Mr. Good, about 1831.

The following is a copy of the family record of George W. Van Buskirk, son of Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk, who died at North Wales.

George W. Van Buskirk was born August 11th, 1787, died February 26th, 1870, having been married in the year 1809 to Elizabeth Leshar of Pottstown. The following children were born unto them:

Matilda, born March 7th, 1810, sponsors, Adam Singmaster and wife, baptized by Rev. Heinel, married to Samuel Royer.

Maria, born April 27th, 1812, baptized by Rev Jacob V. Dechamp, sponsor, Esther Croll. Died October 17th, 1875, having been married to George Custer of Amityville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, who died January 6th, 1882.

Amelia, born January 27th, 1814, baptized by Rev. Dechamp, sponsors, G. Scheimer and wife. Married Charles Rittenhouse.

Jacob Leshar, born June 1st, 1818, baptized by Rev. Jacob Miller, sponsors, Jacob Lesser and wife. Died December 8th, 1858, unmarried.

Elizabeth, born February 20th, 1820, baptized by Rev. Frederick Geissenheiner, sponsors, Reuben Trexler and wife, married Percival Dewees.

George, born April 7th, 1822, baptized by Rev. Frederick Geissenheiner, sponsors, Rev. Jacob Miller and wife, married to Harriet Kinzer of New Holland, Lancaster County, Pa. Died, November 23rd, 1876.

Leshar, born April 7th, 1825, baptized by Conrad Miller, sponsors, J. V. Dechamp and wife. Married Anna Filbert of Amityville, Pa.

Alexander William, born April 16th, 1827, baptized by Rev. Jacob Miller, sponsors, Dr. V. L. Hahn and wife, Martha Rutter. Married to Sadie R. Miller, of Philadelphia, Pa. Died December 6th, 1874.

Of the sons of Dr. George W. Van Buskirk, Jacob Leshner died December 8th, 1858, unmarried.

George, was married March 5th, 1844, to Harriet C. Kinzer of New Holland, by Rev. Henry S. Miller, and the following children were born unto them.

Mary E., born May 20th, 1845, married to R. M. Buehler of Philadelphia.

George Kinzer, born April 5th, 1848, married October 16th, 1879, to Annie M. Ireby, who was born July 15th, 1857.

William A., born April 18th, 1851.

Charles Clayton, born November 27th, 1854.

Emma E., born May 11th, 1857, married May 11th, 1876, to Harry F. Roberts of Philadelphia, Pa. Children: Stella Lebury, born Dec. 8th, 1878, and Amos Edwards, born December 3rd, 1880.

John Howard, born July 11th, 1860.

Amos Kinzer, born May 14th, 1862.

The father, George Van Buskirk, died Nov. 23rd, 1876, aged 54 yrs., 7 mo., and 16 days.

Leshner, the third son of Dr. Geo. W. Van Buskirk, was married to Anna Filbert of Amityville. The following children were born unto them:

Darrah, Clara, Filbert, Charles, Lawrence, Harry.

Leshner Van Buskirk, the father, died October 7th, 1866. Anna, the mother, died October 6th, 1866. Harry died soon after; all died of "Cholera."

William Alexander, the youngest son of Dr. George Van Buskirk was married to Sarah R. Miller of Philadelphia, Pa. The following children were born unto them:

George, born April 7th, 1856.

Frederick, born November 7th, 1867.

William Alexander, the father, died December 5th, 1874.

RECORD OF THOMAS VAN BUSKIRK, son of the Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk.

Thomas Van Buskirk was born April 20th, 1791,; died March 23rd, 1828, having been married in the year 1813 to Catharine Schlichter. Had the following children:

Thomas, died in infancy, when but a couple days old.

Jacob, born October 30th, 1816, married Levy Apple.

Elizabeth, born October, 1819.

Mary, died when about four years of age.

Sidney, born May, 1822.

RECORD OF JACOB VAN BUSKIRK, son of Thomas Van Buskirk, born October 30th, 1816, married Levy Apple. The following are their children:

Thomas, born April 29th, 1843. Married Lucretia Hilman. James, born July 11th, 1845. At present (1881) unmarried.

Albert, born November 11th, 1852. Died 1873.

RECORD OF THOMAS VAN BUSKIRK, son of Jacob Van Buskirk, born April 29th, 1843, married Lucretia Hilman; had the following children:

Samuel, born July 11th, 1864.

Frank, born May, 1870.

A daughter (name unknown) died when about two years old.

James, born 1875, died August, 1881.

RECORD OF A VAN BUSKIRK FAMILY OF WEST CHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK:

John C. Van Buskirk of Long Island had three sisters, Sarah, Laney, and Debey Ann.

Sarah, married Thomas Hasard of East Troy Street, New York.

Laney, married a brother of Thomas Hasard, of same place.

Debey Ann, married a Mr. Van Horn, of New York.

RECORD OF A VAN BUSKIRK FAMILY OF NEW YORK STATE, which has been given by M. S. Van Buskirk of Lansingburg, N. Y., a relict of said family:

John Van Buskirk moved from Hackensack, N. J., and settled at a place or rather village in New York, called Buskirk Bridge, Washington County, twenty miles north of Lansingburg. The same had four sons and three daughters. The names of the sons were: Martin, John, Derrick, and Yoest.

Martin had seven sons and three daughters, of whom M. S. Van Buskirk, to whom, I am indebted for this information, is the only surviving descendant, at this writing (1879) he being seventy-four years of age.

Derrick had several sons who in early life went West.

John had two sons.

The following has also been received from M. S. Van Buskirk:

"At the time of the Revolutionary War there were three brothers residing in Hackensack, New Jersey, and from these descended all who have the family name Van Buskirk. I have a son connected with Columbia Bank Note Co., of Washington, whose name is John."

NOTE: Since receiving the above information, this John Van Buskirk has died.

RECORD OF THE FAMILY OF

LAWRENCE VAN BUSKIRK. (Son of Joseph)

To Elias Van Buskirk of the lower end of Montgomery County we are indebted for the following:

Lawrence Van Buskirk, son of Joseph (Yost) Van Buskirk was born December 15th, 1743. Died December 6th, 1817. Had the following children:

Jacob, born February 17th, 1778, died March 27th, 1862.

Benjamin, born March 9th, 1787, died July 15th, 1860.

His wife, Elizabeth, born July 13th, 1799, died March 18th, 1868.

Jane, born October 19th, 1790, died December 1st, 1854.

Of the children of Benjamin Van Buskirk, the only ones living are:

Elizabeth Painter, born March 17th, 1834.

Isaac, born May 22nd, 1836.

Jacob had the following children:

Elias, born March 26th, 1803.

Ann, born September 29th, 1804.

Jessie, born December 9th, 1805.

Martha, born July 8th, 1807.

Mary, born June 12th, 1810.

Alice, born September 1st, 1815.

Joseph, born May 12th, 1817.

Margaret, born March 4th, 1823.

Silas, born October 24th, 1824.

Charles Shalcross, born May 20th, 1789, died August 27th, 1850. Married Jane Van Buskirk, daughter of Lawrence Van Buskirk. Said Jane was born October 19th, 1790, died December 1st, 1854.

Had the following children:

Charles L. Shalcross, born May 23rd, 1820.

Leonard, born June 30th, 1826.

George M., born February 10th, 1829.

Amanda D. Vansant, born January 8th, 1832.

John N. Shalcross, born May 6th, 1835.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. In a book compiled by Mr. Rupp of Philadelphia, entitled "A Collection of Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania," we find the names of several men of the Hollenbach family who emigrated from Rotterdam to America. The names of Jahannes Van Buskirk who settled in Mooreland Township, Pennsylvania, prior to 1734, owning or paying rent for 180 and 150 acres of land respectively, are found. NOTE: The said John Van Buskirk and Joseph Van Buskirk both resided in Mooreland Township, Montgomery County, in the year 1725, at which time they sold certain lands.

2. Lord Townley died in England intestate leaving a niece, Mary, who emigrated to America. Said Mary, intermarried with one John Lawrence. There were three children: John, William, and Elizabeth. The said Elizabeth intermarried with Joosh Van Buskirk.

The Philadelphia Times, November 8th, 1881, gives us the following: Lord O'Hagan, the retiring chancellor of Ireland, has been appointed a Knight of St. Patrick. Will of Lawrence Van Buskirk, Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey. Dated May 8th, 1772. Proved and probated, granted unto Hendricie Van Buskirk, his widow, the 4th of June, 1724, leaving the following children: Vylie, Joosh, Andrew, John, Lawrence, Jacob, Jennette, and Bercinnin.

3. As given by a Jacob Van Buskirk of Philadelphia, Mary Townley married one William Lawrence, not John.

4. It is not known as a certainty which Van Buskirk married Elizabeth Lawrence.

5. The following appeared in the Philadelphia Record about one year ago (1878): "Lord O'Hagan, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, who has inherited thru his wife the large Townley estates in Lancashire, was once a reporter."

6. To Elias Van Buskirk of Abington Township, Montgomery County, we are indebted for the following: Mary Townley, the niece of Lord Townley, married William Lawrence, A. D. 1645.

7. Mary Lawrence, the niece of Lord Townley, and a cousin to Queen Elizabeth, died at Cape May, New Jersey.

8. Elizabeth, the eldest of the children of the Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk, was married to Jacob Rex; she died at Chestnut Hill, in the year 1800.

9. Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk's tombstone consists of a slab prone on brick masonry, about four feet from the ground. The characters at the top of inscription are an hour glass and bones. The Cemetery belongs to the Lutheran Church of North Wales, (St. Peters) and is on the site of the "Old Yellow Church" (torn down about eight years ago) in which he (Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk) preached. It is just outside the borough limits.

10. Dr. George Van Buskirk lived among Quakers in boyhood. From them he acquired many ideas peculiar to the Quakers and which showed themselves in his entire life. As at the time of the death of his father, Jacob, he was only seven years old, Cadwalader Evans was appointed his guardian. He lived with his guardian odd portions of time, but it is thought never for any continuous time.

So says Dr. Wm. Hahn, of Trappe, Pennsylvania.

Translation of the German Inscription on the tombstone of Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk at North Wales, Pa.

Here repose the bones of the late most Reverend Mr. Jacob Van Buskirk deceased in his Savior.

Born in Hackensack, New Jersey, on February 11, 1739.

He performed the service of a Protestant Lutheran preacher in Pennsylvania over thirty-seven years and finished his career as a teacher of the (di ev evang?).

His corpse reposed in this grave until the voice of the Lord will call him, when the dead will arise.

Also when their bodies fall to pieces, transfigured to meet our Emanuel.

Confident they will go.

COPY OF THE RECORD OF THE LESHER FAMLY,
which is connected with the Van Buskirk Family:

Nicholas Lesher was born in Switzerland, went from thence to the Palatinate in the vicinity where Rev. Dechamp lived, married Miss Johannada Drehar daughter of Christian Martin Drehar and emigrated with the same and four children (two sons and two daughters) to America. Mrs. Maria Johannada Lesher died March 1st 1744, in the seventy-second year of her age, after having lived in holy matrimony with Nicholas Lesher forty-nine years, seventeen days.

Nicholas Lesher, died January 30th, 1750, at the age of eighty-three, the following sons surviving him:

John Lesher, born in the year 1711, the same married Maria Goadar, September 25th, 1740, and beget the following children:

Anna Barbara, born March 15th, 1742.

Johanna, born May 20th, 1746,

Maria Lesher, (maiden name Goadar) died October 8th, 1762.

John Lesher, married second time in the year 1763 to Maria Margaretta Hess, and beget the following children:

John, born September 4th, 1763,

Jacob, born December 27th, 1764,

Margaret, married John Pott of Pottsville,

Catherine, married John Deischer of Oley.

John Lesher, Sr., died April 5th, 1794, aged 83 years, 3 months.

Jacob Lesher, married Catherine Lieberguth December 18th, 1787, the following children being born unto them:

John, died October 16th, 1793,

Anna, born November 30th, 1791, married Reuben Trexler.

Elizabeth, born November 27th, 1793, sponsors, Jacob Richtstein, and wife, and same married in the year 1809 Dr. George Van Buskirk, and died November 29th, 1828.

Catherine, born March 6th, 1797, sponsors, John Lieber-

guth and wife, married to Samuel Sands, died February 2nd, 1827.

Catherine Lesher, (maiden name Lieberguth) died December 21st, 1809, aged 52 years, 3 months, 9 days.

Jacob Lesher, was married the second time to Susanna Strunk.

John Lesher was the son of Nicholas Lesher, born January 5, in Germany or Holland; died April 5, 1794; emigrated to America in 1734 and was naturalized in 1734; first settled in the upper parts of Bucks County, but subsequently removed to Oley, Berks County. He was prominently identified with the iron industries of Berks County, was proprietor of the Oley Forge and Mary Ann Furnaces.

He was prominent in the French and Indian War, being appointed Wagon Master in 1758 because he could speak English and German and understand the wheelwright work and he was also a freeholder.

He represented Berks County in the first convention of Pennsylvania; said convention met in Philadelphia, July 15, 1776, and adopted a form of government. In this convention said John Lesher was a member of a committee to draw up a form of system of Government. He was also a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania from 1776 to 1782.

He was a Captain in Company John Pattons and Henry Skyaker regiment of Pennsylvania Line and served in the battle of Long Island. On March 2, 1778, he was notified of his appointment (which appointment was made January 20, 1778) as one of the commissioners for the purchasing supplies, for the Continental Army, and served in that capacity.

THE RECORD OF THE GENEALOGY OF THE ELLMAKER FAMILY

COMPILED BY J. WATSON ELLMAKER

The first settler 1726—John Leonard Ellmaker who was the son of Elias and Maria Magdalena Ellmaker who lived at Gaulhoff near the walled city of Neurenburg, Germany.

Elias Ellmaker was the Kings' baker—raised the wheat, ground the flour and made the bread for the Kings' household.

John Leonard Ellmaker, his youngest son was brought up to the same trade as the herein passport will show. In the year 1724 he left his father's home at Gaulhoff and went down to the Southwestern part of Germany to the city of Frankenthal in the Palatinate near the Rhine (river) with the intention of making sufficient money to bring him to America as his father objected to him coming and would not give him the means to do so. Whilst at Frankenthal where he procured work he became acquainted with Anna Margaret Hornberger, a young woman of some education. She had graduated from a womans college in Frankenthal.

The period 1702-1722 marks an era in the early German emigration; between forty and fifty thousand left their native country "their hearts where soft affection dwells." The unparalleled savagery and desolation by the troops of Louis the 14th under Provence were the stern prelude to bloody persecutions. To escape the dreadful sufferings awaiting them, Germans and other Protestants emigrated to the English colonies in America.

Leonard Ellmaker and his bride were among this great number of persecuted Protestants who left Germany at that time. They were married in the Spring of 1726 before leaving for their new home in America. The following marriage certificate they brought with them: "It is certified that the bearer hereof John Leonard Ellmaker by trade a baker, legitimate son of Elias Ellmaker of Gaulhoff district of Neurenberg, Germany and Miss Margaret Hornberger, a legitimate daughter of John Adam Hornberger, citizen and shoe maker of this place—on the production of the license from the proper authorities and after three public proclamations according to the Christian usages of our Evangelical Lutheran Church were duly married and consecrated and these presents are therefore delivered to them—invoking the divine blessing on this wedded pair. We are herewith committed to the gracious guidance of God. Frankenthal, 6 April, 1726. John Ernest Bievene, Elect Palatinate Lutheran Church of this place."

John Leonard Ellmaker descended from the French Huguenots through his mother who was carried in her mother's arms from France during the terrible persecutions of the Huguenots by the Catholics in 1672.

Immediately after the marriage they left Germany for America with the following passport which is yet in existence in the possession of one of their descendants in German which has been translated as well as their marriage certificate.

The following passport:—

"The bearer hereof John Leonard Ellmaker by trade a baker during a residence of two years in this place, Frankenthal, has been a consistent member of our Evangelical Lutheran Church and its holy communion and has otherwise been of a quiet and pious deportment and not less faithful and industrious in his trade and is therefore reluctantly dismissed by his employer. It is therefore thus certified and these presents delivered to him for future use and he is herewith for the future to the grace of Gods guidance of his holy spirit. Elect Palatinate John Ernest Biern Lutheran Pastor Frankenthal, 12 April, 1726,"

Leonard Ellmaker and his bride arrived in Phila about the latter part of August. They came first to the Conestoga (River) near where the city of Lane was afterwards laid out. Anna Margaret his wife had acquaintances by the name of Eby who had left Germany some years before. They had made their first settlement on the banks of the Conestoga but had left there for Mill Creek having sold their first grant of land to Hans Musser. Leonard Ellmaker concluded to make a settlement on the banks of the Conestoga. He fenced up a Spring near where the Alms House is now located which was considered at that time a claim but in the meantime hearing where Theodorus Eby (sometimes called Abye naturalized 1728 and also spelled Eaby) and his family were located, they concluded to make them a visit before taking out a warrant for his claim.

When they arrived at Ebys who had settled on the mill creek about two miles South of what is now New Holland (at that time known as "Sis Swamp,") they were much pleased with that part of the country and as it was near the mountain where game was plenty and through the Ebys influence concluded to remain near the Ebys.

Leonard Ellmaker followed the Mill Creek on the north side of the mountain until he came to a fine large spring which had not been taken up, but when he brought his wife up to see the location she told him the adjoining land around the spring was too low and swampy, she told him they had better make a settlement on the south side of the mountain. They took a straight line guided by a small compass which he carried (and is yet in possession of one of his descendants in Ohio) across the mountain coming to a fine Spring in a grove of walnut trees. He fenced up the Spring and had surveyed 220 acres of land which he gave $13\frac{1}{2}$ A^c per acre. The land be-

tween this location had been taken up by Anthony Preller and Jacob Bear and his brother John. Theodorus Eby invited them to remain with them during the Winter, but as soon as their log house was finished they moved into it where their first child was born 9th of March 1727, Mary Magdalena, who at the age of 17 years married Philip Adam Diller from whom Harriet Kinzer is descended.

Leonard Ellmaker had twelve children, eight lived to grow up namely:

1. Mary Magdalena, who married Phillip Adam Diller.
2. Anthony Pretter Ellmaker who married Elizabeth Lightner, one of the nineteen children of Nathaniel Lightner.
3. Anna Maria (1735) married Isaac Leeban.
4. Elias (1731) Ellmaker, who was at Braddock's Defeat, 1756, was wounded at that battle and died from his wounds at his father's house, 1757, at the age of 27 years.
5. Leonard Ellmaker, born 1741, who married Elizabeth Baker
6. Anna Margaret, born 1744, married Phillip Frick.
7. Jacob Ellmaker, born 1749, first married Elizabeth Hoffman, second time, Margaret Kepler.
8. Nathaniel Ellmaker, born 1757, who married Elizabeth Fellenbaum.

Mrs. Harriet Van Buskirk descends from Leonard Ellmaker through his oldest daughter, Maria Magdalena and his youngest son, Nathaniel Ellmaker. His wife, Elizabeth Fellenbaum, was one of three children who were orphans, their parents having died on their passage from Holland to America, 1755; they were cared for by some friends at New York.

Anthony Ellmaker and his brother-in-law, Phillip Adam Diller, brought two of them home whilst on a trip to that place for fruit trees—there was one girl and one boy. Phillip Adam Diller raised the boy. Anthony Ellmaker's mother raised the girl as her own daughter. She brought her up in her own faith, the German Reformed Church, as she did her own daughter. Leonard Ellmaker was a Lutheran; he brought up his sons in the Lutheran faith.

Nathaniel Ellmaker had twelve children—eight lived to grow up (the same as his fathers). The oldest child was a daughter also. She was Anna Margaret, born, 10 May, 1779, and married George Kinzer 1800. It is through this daughter, Harriet Van Buskirk descends through Nathaniel Ellmaker, from Leonard Ellmaker and also through her husband, George Kinzer, who was a great grandson of Leonard Ellmaker, his mother being a daughter of Mary Magdalena Ellmaker Diller.

Anna Margaret Ellmaker having married her first cousin's (Magdalena Diller Kinzer's) son, George Kinzer. Nathaniel Ellmaker's first child was a son, Elias Ellmaker who married Ethel Hill. His third child was a daughter, Mary Ellmaker, who died at the age of 15 years—it was said of her, she was so good, was never given to levity—her lovely character has been handed down from generation to generation. The fourth child was Catharine, who was not so good, as she refused to marry Adams McCurdy, a wealthy Scotch Irishman, a farmer, who her father had selected for her. She braved her father's anger and eloped with John Leaman, 10 January, 1805. The following note was left in her room, Jan. 10, 1805: "I am going to get married to John Leaman this evening. He would have told my father willingly, but I was afraid to let him. I do not expect my father and mother will ever forgive me but if they will but give me my clothes, I shall be very thankful to them—Leaman is my lot and no other man but him. I expect we will go to the backbone country again Spring—Catharine Ellmaker."

The next child was a son, Amos Ellmaker, born 1787, and the next a son, Levi, born 10th Feb., 1788, and the next a daughter, Elizabeth, born 1790, married William Slaymaker, 1812, and the next was a son, Esaias, born 1802, when his mother was 50 years of age.

Anna Margaret Ellmaker who married George Kinzer, had 13 children to grow up.

Ann Margaret Ellmaker, born May 10, 1779, died 1852.

George Kinzer born 1775; died 1831.

The children were:

Maria Magdalena, married Henry Yundt.

Amos Kinzer, married Louisa Himes and Elizabeth Hurst.

Dr. Esaias married Catherine Roland.

William Penn married Jan Slaymaker.

Elizabeth married Aaron Custer.

Nathaniel married Lydia Wallace.

Anna Margaret married George Diller.

Elias E. Married Eliza Bachenstrouse.

Caroline never married.

George married Rebecca Schell.

Levi married Annie Smoker.

Harriet married George Van Buskirk.

Franklin unmarried.

INFORMATION RECEIVED from Frances Kinzer Welchens of Lancaster. The last Ellmaker to live on the original Ellmaker farm (on the south side of the mountain) was Watson Ellmaker, who never married, sold the farm and moved to Lancaster. Before he sold the farm, he built a solid wall around the

grave yard in one of the fields where all the old Ellmakers are buried. There is no opening at all in the wall.

He also owned the old family bible which a nephew, Leonard Ellmaker inherited. This bible contains many passports and wedding certificates.

The following New Year's Greeting was written to Ann Margaret by her brother when she still lived in Frankenthal, Germany and more than a year previous to her marriage to John Ellmaker on May 6, 1726. When they left Germany, March 12, 1726 she took it with her to her new home in America.

Frankenthal, Germany, Jan'y 1, 1726.

New Year's Greeting.

John Peter Hornberger to his sister Ann Margaret Hornberger.

I wish to you my dear little sister In this New Year
That God to you may gracious be Protect and guard
May this your whole life through with blessings overflow
Health, Content, happiness, peace and joy Be richly poured
on you

When from this world you must depart Then through God's
mercy

May you find prepared for you in Heaven The everlasting
blessedness

Where all is joy, and sorrow cannot come There may you
With all the holy Angels pure in the heavenly New Year
God's name forever praise.

From your faithful brother,

John Peter Hornberger

Frankenthal, Germany Jan'y 1, 1726.

Literal translation from the original German, was in the possession of Nathaniel Ellmaker, Esq., Lancaster, Pa., 1883.

Nathaniel Ellmaker died many years ago. I do not know what became of the original copy.

G. Watson Ellmaker.

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