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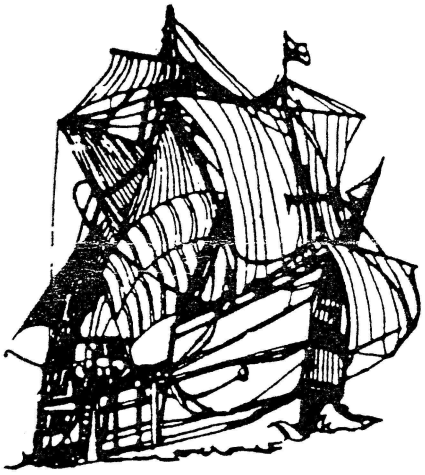
SAMUEL NAFZIGER

1850 EMIGRANT TO PERTH COUNTY, CANADA



This issue of the News features the family of **Samuel Nafziger** of the Lorraine area of France. We received a copy of the 1967 **Nafziger Family History** by Ezra Nafziger from **Raymond Bell** of Pennsylvania. Although we have very little new information to add, we hope by sketching an outline of this family, others can fill some gaps.

In the Introduction to the sixty five page book, the author writes that **Samuel**, the primogeniture of this family, was born in 1830 near Trebo, France. [We have a note in our files that he was born April 2, 1830 at Boulay-Moselle, France; we cannot locate our source however.] Samuel emigrated in 1855 with another young man named **Leaman.** [We have a note that he emigrated in 1850, but again no sources.] Samuel was said to have entered Ontario, Canada.

Samuel's father, name unknown, was supposedly married twice, once to a Miss **Bachman,** who was Samuel's mother. [We do know that a Johann **Bachmann,** who was born in 1771, married Magdalene Nafziger and lived near Hassel, St Ingbert, Palatinate, Germany, just across the border from Boulay. Does a reader know if there is a family connection?] According to the Introduction, the father, who was a school teacher, also emigrated to America and was buried in Philadelphia.

Samuel married Anna **Keupfer,** a Canadian whom he met while working in the Perth County area. Shortly after their marriage they purchased a farm in North East Hope Township, Perth County, Ontario, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Anna's mother resided with them until her death in 1897. Samuel was buried in Poole A.M. Cemetery in 1905; Anna died in 1914 and was buried at the same cemetery.

Samuel and Anna Nafziger had six sons and two daughters: Hans (married Mattie **Gerber**), Christian (married Lena **Reschly**), Samuel (married twice, Fanny **Steinman** and Leah **Steinman**), Andrew (married Catharine **Schweiter**), Nicholas (married Mary **Steinman**), Joseph (married thrice, Mattie **Jantzi**, Mary **Schmidt** and Susan **Kuepfer**), Mary (married John **Roes**) and Barbara (married John **Schultz**). All but Andrew, who lived for a period in Nebraska, resided in the same community: North East Hope, Perth County, Ontario, Canada.

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Editor's Corner

We hope that the holidays were peaceful and enjoyable for all our readers. May 1995 be filled with health and happiness for all. We received numerous cards and letters wishing us the best and appreciate the warm thoughts and kindness.

Many people expressed their surprise and enjoyment in receiving the News again and emphasized their encouragement to continue. Hopefully we will meet their expectations. Let us reiterate however, a newsletter such as this requires the reader's support. We survive on letters, newspaper clippings, articles and other tidbits with information and queries. So please do not hesitate in writing to us. For those who are unaware, we will print your queries, regardless of the quantity, and forward any information you provide to other readers who we feel may be interested and try to put you in contact with others that may be of the same families. We will begin with this issue however of publishing your addresses so that others may contact you directly. If you do not wish to have your address printed, please let the News know with your inquiry.

The Mast family of Elverson, PA is again printing the News. For those who are interested, they also have the capabilities of assisting in printing books and have our recommendation. We hope anyone seeking printing/publishing can use their expertise. The News recently obtained a book written by John Byler, one of our readers, that was printed by the Mast's Olde Springfield Shoppe. The quality, construction and overall appearance is commendable. Our review of John's book is below.

Again, let us thank everyone for their support and encouragement.

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Some readers have asked about **Clair** and **Betty Naftzger.** Clair, who founded the News over twenty years ago, spends alot time carving wood, having cut back on the amount of time he devoted to his casting efforts after a minor stroke. Betty spends time trying to keep him out of trouble. Their daughter **Kathleen** and her husband **Andy Gulish** were expecting a baby boy in January, which Clair and Betty were ready to spoil.

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The News is interested in knowing our readers' experience with the various computer software/programs relating to genealogy that are currently available on the market. If you have experience with a particular program or have written your own, please write and let us know about your experiences. We literally have thousands of families to keep track of and there must be a convenient way to consolidate information other than what we presently have. We currently use an IBM with Windows, dBase, Word Perfect and Lotus.

Queries/Letters

Livengood/Nafziger: seeking information on the lineage of Jacob Nafziger, father of Barbara Nafziger, born circa 1735, married in 1760 to Peter **Livengood/Leibundgut/Leibengut.** She died in 1820.
Ralph **Livenood,** 8907 Maple Glen Dr., Dallas, TX 75231.

[Editor's note: the information that Barbara is a daughter of Jacob is unlikely. Any readers have anything to add?]

Noffsinger/Rohn: John Noffsinger of Stark County, OH in 1815: seeking information to establish connection between him, the Noffsingers in Tuscarawas County, OH and those Noffsingers in Somerset County, PA. John married Elizabeth **Rohn.**
Mrs. Laura Maloy **Clapper,** 384 Lee Lane, Mansfield, OH 44905.

[Editor's note: Please see the News, Vol XIV, No. 3 and Vol XVIII, No. 1 concerning this family].

Noffsinger/Patterson: Seeking information on Matthias Noffsinger and son James, married to Jane **Linn.** Daughter Lucinda married William T. **Patterson** in 1845.
Paul **Baker,** 30 N. 4th St, Evansville, WI 53536-1002.

Naffziger: Seeking information on Elizabeth Northcliff Naffziger. Her daughter (born 1928 died 1992) lived at Merced, CA in 1930. Any information would be appreciated.
Steven **Tonkinson,** 1246 Lower Mill Road, Hixson, TN 37343.

Noffsinger/Simmons/Cook/Keister: Seeking parents of John Noffsinger of Darke County, OH who married Elizabeth **Simmons.** Child Elizabeth married Amos **Cook** in 1837 in Darke County; their son Eli Cook married Susannah **Keister** in March, 1872. Both were born near Hillgrove, OH.
Marjorie **Hart Buckmaster,** PO Box 485, Pioneer, CA 95666.

[Editor's comment: we show that John (Jr), who married Simmons, was a son of John, grandson of Rudolf- 1749 immigrant. However we show that John Jr's daughter Elizabeth married William **Smith.** On the other hand we have the elder John's other son Eli, brother to John Jr, had a daughter Elizabeth (= 1819 Montgomery or Preble County, OH + 1856/8) that married Amos Cook on October 1, 1857.]

Unzicker/Gungerich: Seeking information on a Katharina Gungerich, born April 4, 1827, married Frederich **Unzicker** in Leisewald(?) and is supposed to have emigrated to America.
Rudolf **Nafziger,** Reichenberger Str 32, 58511 Ludenscheid, Germany.

Noftsger: Seeking information on the following Iowa Noftsger lineage: Jacob, Alfred Marion, Bird Henry, Carl Marion.
Carl & Donna **Noftsger,** 307 W. Division, Colfax, IA 50054.

Noffsinger/Young/Root: Seeking information about Mary Noffsinger, daughter of Mary **Pressel** and Eli Noffsinger (Rudolf-> John-> Eli-> Mary). Mary married Hezekiah **Young.** After his death in 1881, the widow Mary married Christian C. (Commodore) **Root.** Can anyone provide information on Hezekiah Young's family of George and Malinda Young; or the family of Daniel Pressel and Magdalene Leedy, parents of Mary Pressell; or the family of Hezekiah Young?
John **Pfost,** 5140 Lisa Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

[Editor's comments: Eli inherited land from John in 1824 and Eli and his family were in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 Ohio census'. In 1848 he sold his land to David and Daniel Shively. In 1849 he purchased land in Wayne and Jackson township, Randolf County, IN. He lived there in 1861. He died in 1874 in Bond County, IL. Eli's son Uriah married Lucinda **Young.** Whether she was related to Hezekiah is unknown, but Uriah did move to Caldwell County, MO. A daughter of Eli, Susannah, married John **Root** and later moved to Oregon. If he was connected to Christian Root is unknown. Mary Pressel's father died in 1835.]

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Family of Samuel and Anna (Kuepfer) Nafziger Continued from Page One

1. ?? Nafziger (= ? + ? ?Buried Philadelphia?)
   m: 1. ? **Bachman** (= ? + ?)
   2. ? (= ? + ?)
   11. Samuel: (= ? 2 Apr 1830 + 24 Dec 1905) Perth County, Ontario
   m: Anna **Kuepfer** (= ? + 3 Mar 1914)
   111. Hans (John) (= 12 May 1856 + 20 July 1910) Perth Co, Ontario
   m: 1. Mattie **Gerber** (= 1 Dec 1861 + 20 Jan 1902) 25 Feb 1879
   children: Nancy, Joseph, Samuel, Peter, Mary, Mattie, Jonathan, Noah and Clara.
   2. Annie **Schweitzer** (= ? + 12 Dec 1927)
   112. Christian (= 16 Feb 1858 + 19 Aug 1942) Topping, Ontario
   m: Lena **Reschly** (= 31 Jan 1856 + 10 Jan 1934)
   children: Annie, Katie, Noah, Sarah, Enos, David.
   113. Andrew (= 13 Jan 1860 + 22 Sept 1928)
   children: Elia, Ezra, Aaron, Sarah, Rudy, John, Elizabeth, Valentine, Christian
   m: Catharine **Schweitzer** (= 4 Aug 1862 + 9 Jan 1934) 2 May 1880
   114. Samuel (= 19 Apr 1863 + 17 Dec 1923) Brunner, Ontario
   m: 1. Fannie **Steinman** (= 10 Apr 1862 + ?) 1886
   children: Susan, Rachel, Nancy, Christian, Mary, Moses, Gideon
   2. Leah **Steinman** (= 1 Feb 1869 + 4 Mar 1945) 1897
   children: Lena, Emma
   115. Nicholas (= 6 Mar 1866 + 11 Jul 1944)
   m: Mary **Steinman** (= 20 Jul 1867 + 9 Dec 1947) 22 Feb 1887
   children: Daniel, Katie, Christian, Samuel, Joseph, John, Amos, Mary, Solomon, Menno
   116. Joseph (= 4 May 1868 + 13 Jan 1947)
   m: 1. Mattie **Jantzi** (= 30 Mar 1867 + 8 Mar 1924) 25 Mar 1890
   children: Lydia, Annie
   2. Mary **Schmidt** (= 6 Sept 1867 + 23 Sept 1940) 16 Dec 1924
   3. Mrs Susan **Kuepfer** (= 13 Dec 1867 + 13 Oct 1961) 8 Nov 45
   117. Mary (= 30 May 1870 + 21 Jan 1934)
   m: John **Roes** (= 7 Oct 1867 + 26 Feb 1958) 16 Dec 1890
   children: Emma, David, Annie, Samuel, Noah
   118. Barbara (= 14 Oct 1878 + 26 May 1937)
   m: John **Schultz** (= 30 May 1874 + 10 Mar 1947) 20 Feb 1900

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Over the years the News has occasionally asked that our readers provide updates or summaries on their families. Occasionally we have found surprises in family relationships that we did not know about. We have also found clues on where to search for records by someone mentioning a place where an earlier generation had lived or an old family story of a lost relative moving to another location. The News would appreciate you taking the time to complete the **Family Update: Information Sheet** on the following two pages (if you are that familiar with your family history). For some this will be easy; for others, it may require putting on your thinking caps. Again, we rely upon our readers' support and this is just another form of assistance. For all locations you mention below, please include the county if it is known to you. Please cut this page out and mail it to me. Also let us know if the information comes from word of mouth, an old bible, notes or another source.

Family Update: Information Sheet.

My full birth name is _____.

My birth date is _____. I was born at _____.

The name of my spouse is _____.

His/Her birth date and place of birth is _____.

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The name(s), date(s) and place(s) of birth for my child(ren) are:

1._____.

2._____.

3._____.

4._____.

5._____.

6._____.

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Name of my Nafzger lineage parent:_____.

Birth date: _____. Birth place:_____.

If deceased, died _____. Buried at _____.

Married:_____ on _____

at _____ and resided _____.

If deceased, died _____. Buried at _____.

Child of _____ and _____.

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Brothers and sisters of my Nafzger lineage parent, with their place and date of birth, spouses name and other known information:

1._____.

2._____.

3._____.

4._____.

5._____.

6._____.

7._____.

8._____.

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Family Update: Information Sheet (Continued)

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Name of my Nafzger lineage grandparent:_____.

Birth date: _____. Birth place:_____.

If deceased, died _____. Buried at _____.

Married:_____ on _____

at _____ and resided _____.

If deceased, died _____. Buried at_____.

Child of _____ and _____.

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Brothers and sisters of my Nafzger lineage grandparent, with their place and date of birth, spouses name and other known information:

1._____.

2._____.

3._____.

4._____.

5._____.

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Name of my Nafzger lineage great grandparent:_____.

Birth date: _____. Birth place:_____.

If deceased, died _____. Buried at _____.

Married:_____ on _____

at _____ resided _____.

If deceased, died _____ and buried at _____.

Child of _____ and _____.

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Brothers and sisters of my Nafzger lineage grandparent, with their place and date of birth, spouses name and other known information:

1._____.

2._____.

3._____.

4._____.

5._____.

6._____.

Any other information concerning our family might be obtained from the following family historian:

_____.

Noffsinger/Thompson: Seeking information on Legrand Noffsinger, born about 1827 in Kentucky; married Elizabeth Ann **Thompson** in 1847 in Kentucky. Enumerated in 1850 Falls Creek Twp, Adams County, IL census with one year old son Russell Farnium Noffsinger. Also in the same township were Mary J Noffsinger (18 yrs), Susan (age 12), Lucy (age 11), Theodcia (age 7) and Hester (age 4) living with the family of Levi Hamilton. (Ms Martinez believes Levi Hamilton may have married the widowed Malinda, who was married to a Noffsinger. This would also make Legrand a possible child of hers.) Who were the parents of Legrand Noffsinger? Another question is whether Elizabeth Ann Thompson was first married to **Nash Eddy** and Russell Farnium was their child or was Russell the son of Legrand and Legrand died shortly after his birth and Russell adopted by Eddy.
Evelyn **Martinez**, 1053 S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95127.

Noffsinger/Rhoads: Elizabeth Noffsinger, born 31 December 1776, died 20 October, 1848, married Henry **Rhoads** 15 June, 1808 in Kentucky. Any Information?
Jane **Pate**, 823 Lake Amick Dr, Niceville, FL 32578-1739.

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Book Reviews

Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse, by John M. **Byler**, Bellville, OH: Olde Springfield Shoppe, 1993. 231 pages. Hardback. $19.50 plus shipping. [For readers of the News, Mr. Byler has offered the book at $17.50 including shipping. His complete address is: John M. Byler, 5845-B C.R. 80, Rte 3, Fredrerickstown, OH 43019.]

This sturdy hardcover book covers those who Mr Byler calls the
> "Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse. A Record of 263 Immigrants. With a Record of Their Descendent to Those Who Were Married by About 1865. Plus Historical Records of Germany, Shiplists, Etc."

The reader is initiated to these immigrants through a dozen short snippets covering various topics. The main body of the book is organized by roughly fifty Amish family surnames of those who immigrated to the America. Those Amish immigrants and their descendants are easily located in a well organized index comprising 47 pages, listing maybe ten thousand people.

The family history section on the Nafzigers runs eight pages. Mr Byler identifies three main branches of the family and then covers 24 groups of offspring, briefly describing their heritage, when they immigrated to America, where they settled, etc before listing their descendants.

Other major family groups related to the Nafzigers covered in the book are the **Bender, Brenneman, Danner, Ehrismann, Gingerich, Kennel, Kinsinger, Otto, Schwartzentruber** and **Unzicker.**

A final pleasant surprise in the book is a reprint of a 1982 speech given by Steven **Estes** to the Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society. The speech, titled "The Hessian Amish in Illinois", gives a valuable overview of the differences within the Amish community and the impact it had on the settlement patterns in America, particularly in Ohio and Illinois.

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Nafzger * Noffsinger: 1749-1993, by Dean F. **Noffsinger**, Green Valley, AZ: private printing. 1993. 176 pages. Paperback. $25.00, shipping included. [If readers are interested Dean has "a few copies left". His address is Dean Noffsinger, 300 Via Del Heroe, Green Valley, AZ, 85614.]

This well organized book compiles the extensive family of **Rudolf Nafzger** and eleven generations of descendants. The numbering system is one developed by Clair Naftzger in the News, so it should be familiar to Noffsinger readers. This book clearly demonstrates a tremendous amount of effort and care by a long time family historian and News supporter. Our hats off the Dean for a job well done.

In the Literature

We provide, from time to time, short summaries of articles which have appeared in other journals/newsletters/publications which may be of interest to our Nafzger readers. We include the addresses of any new publication which we have not featured previously.

Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage (published quarterly by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Rd, Lancaster, PA 17602):

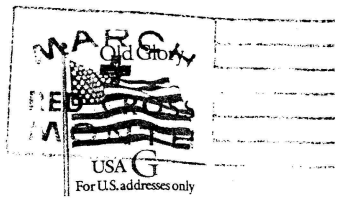
Vol VII, No 2, (1984) two articles involving Centre County, PA; one on the Amish of Half Moon Valley and the other on the Mennonite family of Michael **Schenck.** For those descendants of Henry/Henrich Naftzger/Nofsker of Centre County the articles give a flavor of the life and times of his world as he resided on that county around the turn of the eighteenth century.

Vol XIII, No 2, (1990) an article on "Amish Congregations in Germany and adjacent Territories in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries". The author identifies a number of Amish and subsequent Mennonite congregations and mentions a number of Naffziger people that were members of the various communities.

Hawkeye Heritage (published by The Iowa Genealogical Society, PO Box 7735, Des Moines, IA 50322) is published quarterly and concentrates on Iowa history and genealogy:

Vol 17, Spring/Summer, 1982, pp. 66-7: "Individuals whose estates were entered into probate in Jefferson County, IA 1839-1849": Andrew Nuffsinger, probate in 1844. He was also listed in the 1840 Jefferson County, IA census.

[Editor's comments: This Andrew should be the youngest son of Rudolf, who emigrated to America in 1749 with Matthias and Peter. Andrew seems to have lived in Allegheny County, MD, Montgomery County, OH, Darke County, OH, and Elkhard County, IN before locating in Jefferson County, IA. Does any of our readers have a copy of the probate? Other surnames found in the Iowa Probate records that lived in the areas where Andrew had previously resided were: Koons (George, John, Joseph) and Stolenberger. Andrew's children married a **Livingood, Peterbaugh, Cloyd** and **Sailor.**]



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