

This is a copy of a Memorandum kept by Christian Bomberger

A copy from 1769 from the old order German baptist brethren, What the duty is of a bishop to the congregation- where Paul says in Timothy 3 and so on- because the old order of the Brethren was, that the bishop shall lead the congregation in the love and fear of God and build and admonish and lead everything with love in council meetings with the congregation and on love feast and bread breaking and chalice-distribute thankfulness in the christian congregation and anoint the members with oil.

~~withxxx~~ 2). Also the bishop shall not undertake more important things without council with the other officials church members of the brotherhood.

3) and the congregation and council have just as little right to undertake anything without meeting with the bishop or to receive his " YES" word in all cases to accept members for baptism and remove members from the congregation.

4) When the bishop finds out that there is sinning in the household of other congregation against the Gospel he shall have the power - but he shall first go to the bishop of that congregation and hold council about that matter with him; and if that congregation has no bishop he shall first go to the oldest Deacon of the congregation and shall hold council in love- and if a bishop fails in the Gospel he too is deserving punishment from the congregation- the same as another member- and if he does not want to listen the congregation has the right to call in strange bishops to settle that matter with the strange bishops- and just like that the bishop has the right to call in strange bishops if he can't preach the Gospel to the congregation and the other officials and those Bishops shall not be above the older one and shall not rule over them: At all times be one with one another says the apostle and the congregation shall honor their bishop and Elders twofold and pray for them- because they have much trouble with the congregation
Amen.

Original History from the Beginning of the Brethren in America.

In the year 1710 several families came from Schwarzenau Germany to Pennsylvania and to Germantown.; and in the year 1720 another 30 familie all Brethren also from different places in Germany arrived with Peter Becker in Germantown and Philadelphia Pa. These brothers started a church in Germantown and Peter Becker as their preacher. Then in the year 1711 some Brethren moved to Conestoga, several to Skipack and " Falkers schwam" Then they had their meetings in different places with sermons by Peter Becker and overseer. Then the Brethren were of one mind to elect another preacher. The vote fell on Conrad Beissel for preaching and John Hildenbrand for Deacon to serve the church in Conestoga with counselling from Peter Becker and the Germantown church because Peter lived in Germantown- but the Brethren soon had trouble with Conrad Beissel and trials with other ways of Conrad Beissel who came up with the idea to take Saturday as the Day of the Lord as 7dayers. Because no long admonitions would help with this matter Alexander Mack came over from Germany in the year 1729 and the church became united to leave it up to the majority votes to hold the sabbath and so 6 votes from brothers and 5 votes from sisters were for the Sabbath Day of the Lord with Conrad Beissel and 24 brothers and several sisters so there were 27 votes for Sunday to hold the day of the Lord with Peter Becker as overseer and bishop for nearly 12 years 1729 to 1734- when Alexander Mack died in Germantown 1735, Michael Frantz was elected as preacher and Johannes Landis as Deacon in the year 1735 in the Conestoga church, and Conrad Beissel started with his own hand to establish the cloisters

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NOTICE

to Ephrata.

These were baptized under Peter Becker between 1729 and 1734

George Grabe & wife	2	1733 till 1735	
Louis Fetter & wife	2	baptized by Peter Becker	
Andrew Boney & wife	2	Sister Kalkofen	1
Sister Boney	1	sister Lausch	1
Balser Seichrist	1	George Miley & wife	2
John Kepperly & wife	2	Maria Kroph	1
Anna Mack	1	Jacob Groff	1
George Lausch & wife	2	Jacob Blas & wife	2
John Koch	1		
George Kepperly & wife	2	These were baptized under Peter Beckers	
Ester stoll	1	oversight from 1721 till 1733	
Joseph Lausch	1	in all 36 persons.	
Ludwig Kalkofen	1		
Brother Luy & wife	2		
Samuel Good & wife	2		
John Hildebrand & wife	2		
Godfrid Geyer	1		
sister stoll	1		
sister Koch	1		
Conrad Beissel	1		

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overseer

Hereafter was the fornamed and elected Michael Frantz preacher and bishop in the Conestoga church from the year 1736 to the year 1747 and this many persons were baptized by him as follows :

Conestoga

1736

Baptized by Michael Frantz

John Stemberly	1
Maria Ester	1
Sister Frantz	1
Balser Frantz	1
Jacob Sweigart & wife	2
Balser Seichrist	1
John Lahn & wife	2
John Miller & wife	2

1738

Baptized by Michael Frantz

Paul Serry	1
Anthony Dombach	1
Ludwig Mohler & wife	2
Sister Fahrney	1
Michael Frantz jr. & wife	2
John Huber	1
Jacob Martin & wife	2
Bruederly	1
Jacob Schwartz	1

1737

John Fogely	1
George Royer & wife	2
Emich Royer & wife	2
John Landis	1
Philip Roland	1
John Longanecker	1
Christian Stauder & wife	2
John Fahrney	1
George Blas	1
Brother Mannel	1
John Smith	1

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1739

Henry Mohler & wife	2
George Mohler & wife	2
Sabastian Ruth & wife	2
Brother Longanecker	1
Brother Fogely	1
Paul Singer	1
Bernhart Wolf	1

1740

Jacob Stuckey & wife	2
John Gehr & wife	2
Jacob Kissel	1

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Conestoga 1741 Baptized by Michael Frantz

Frederick Altofer	1
Sister Schwartz	1
Christian Sanders	1
Joseph Harley	1
Jacob Dilmen & wife	2
George Horning	1

1742	
Jacob Shantz	1
Martin Gish & wife	2
old Dilman	1

Jacob Bear	1
sister Schwartz	1
Ludwig Bender & wife	2
Henry Weis	1
sister Justes	1
John snyder	1
George Zug	1
Valentine Wunderberger	1
John Buttermilch & wife	2
Adam snyder & wife	2
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1742 Conestoga Baptized by Michael Frantz

Jacob Becker & wife	2
Lichty & wife	2
Henry Miller	1
John Mydor & wife	2
Lights daughter	1
Berderleys wife	1
Jacob Benderdig	1
Jacob Mohler & wife	2

1743	
Freny Widder	1
Martin Candel	1
Christian Geisz	1
Jacob Conrad & wife	2
Jacob Meyer	1
Abram Conrad & wife	2
Henry Bear & wife	2
Jacob Bendisch & wife	2
Jacob Lichty	1
Sister Windel	1
Jacob suntag	1
Michael Pfautz & wife	2
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Conestoga

Michael Frantz was overseer and bishop almost 11 years in the Conestoga church and 162 persons were baptized from 1736 to 1747 all in water by submerging after the order of the Brethren and they held love feast with feet washing and breaking of bread forth and back in the homes of the brethren with great love and unity of the spirit-- whereafter Michael Frantz moved to Virginia.

After Michael Frantz moved away from Conestoga Michael Pfautz received his post as overseer and bishop from the year 1747 to 1769 in the conestoga church.

Conestoga

1744Babtized by Michael Frantz

Jeremiah Wolf & wife	2
John Huber & wife	2
Kalkglaeser daughter	1
Jacob Leshner & wife	2
Martin Selsor & wife	2
Anthony Miller & wife	2
Brother Bendrich	1

1745	
Ester stoll	1
Maria Landis	1
Katy schwartz	1
6 Brothers and 6 sisters	
came from Anville	
New Jersey to us	12

1746	
Anna Koch	1
Barbara Koch	1
Ann Maria Frantz	1
Jacob shonhouser & wife	2
Katy Lahn	1
Catharine Behm	1
Catherine Seichrist	1
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Conestoga 1747 Baptized by Michael Frantz

Jacob Bashor(preacher)	1
Sister Newschwanger	1
Brother Martin & wife	2
Peter Zug	1
Joseph Grabill & wife	2
Anna Bear	1
John Flory & wife	2
Joseph Flory & wife	2
Henry End & wife	2
John Merkey & wife	2
Sister Wagerly	1
Jacob Diehl & wife	2
John Nauman	1
Christopher Westenberger	
&wife	2
Sister Bashor	1
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Conestoga
1748 Baptized by Michael Pfautz
John Reiner 1
Henry Reiner & wife 2
Emanuel ~~Bruch~~ Bruch 1
Adam Dick & wife 2
Michael Frantz jr 1
John Krantz & wife 2
Henry Neff 1
Jacob Stoll (preacher) 1
John Helfenfinger & wife 2
Ann Helfenfinger 1
Jacob Flory 1
Maria Conrad 1
Jacob Scharf & wife 2
Anthony Rothrock 1
Abram Latshaw & mother 2
Anna Landis 1
Katy Frantz 1
Anna Good 1
John stump & wife 2
Frederick Myer ""1
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Conestoga
1748 baptized by Michael Pfautz
Magdalena Roland 1
Catharine Becker 1
George Frantz 1
Anna Longanecker 1
Katy Lichty 1
George Adam Martz 1
Ann Jones 1
Freny Helfenfinger 1
Feldy Long 1
Simon Stake 1
Barbara Kuster 1
Maria Bendrich 1
1749
Henry Vunderberger 1
John Lichtz & wife 2
David Wegely & wife 2
Catherin Suder 1
Andrew Bernschenker 1
Daniel Bollinger & wife 2
John Zug (preacher) 1
Jones Jonner 1
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Conestoga
1749 baptized by Michael Pfautz
Jacob Allowine & wife 2
Barbara Eby 1
Henry Dumme 1
1750
Ester Negely 1
Freny Stommyer 1
Catharine Wagely 1
Freny Groff 1
Jacob Weis 1
Barbara Myer 1
Barbara Fagt 1
John Lichty 1
Jacob Dester 1
Barbara Faler 1
Jacob Haller 1
1751
Henry Mohler & wife 2
Michael Gans 1
Jacob Spickler & wife 2
Barbara Seichrist 1
Ludwig smith & wife 2
Daniel Saylor 1
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Conestoga
1752 baptized by Michael Pfautz
Magdalena Geib 1
Jacob Wolf & wife 2
Peter Eigelberger (preacher) 1
David Merkey & wife 2
Barbara Merkley 1
Abram Buchly & wife 2
Michael Zug 1
Eva Gans 1
Maria Widder 1
Peter Kline 1
Ann Saylor 1
Barbara Weis 1
1753
George Miller 1
John Benzelbach & wife 2
Kudy Yound 1
Katy Hartman 1
Margaret Geib 1

in this year Jacob Stoll was
elected as preacher

Conestoga
1754 Baptized by Michael Pfautz

Christian Stauffer & wife	2
George Ester & wife	2
Ann Frick	1
Elizabeth Frick	1
1755	
Peter Wampler & wife	2
Henry Aller & wife	2
Christian Longenecker jr.	1
John Lehman	1
Jacob Hernly	1
Haniel Ackerman	1
Barbara Flory	1
John Groff	1
1756	
Henry Ester	1
sister Wampler	1
Elias Ackerman	1
Peter Rebel	1
John Frick	1
Christian Frick	1
Lehord Sebold & wife	2
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Conestoga

1757 Baptized by Michael Pfautz

Sister Margareth	1
Elizabeth Boser	1
Maria Nusbaum	1
Michael Gahl	1
Margret Byer	1
John Back	1
Susan Bauman	1
sister Mosser	1
1758	
Brother Klein	1
Wendel Mynis	1
1759	
Balser Specht & wife	2
1760	
None were baptized on account of epidemic	
1761	
John Bather & wife	2
Jacob Zug	1
Abram Frantz & wife	2
1762	
Maria Zug	1
Sister Hamacher	1
1763	
Ann Longenecker	1
Philip Snell	1
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Conestoga
1764 baptized by Michael Pfautz

John Longenecker	1
Abram Ruth	1
Sister Ruth	1
1765	
Barbara Miller	1
Maria Eby	1
Jacob Miller	1
Brother Genzel	1
Henry Stoner & wife	2
1766	
George Horning & wife	2
Peter Boshor & wife	2
John Hackman	1
Jonas Sliesor	1
Peter Royer & wife	2
Jacob Zent & wife	2
1767	
Jacob Landis & wife	2
Han Jacob Haller	1
Stofel Royer & wife	2
John Moyer & wife	2
Andrius Eby & wife	2
Jeremiah Wolf & wife	2

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Conestoga

1768 Baptized by Michael Pfautz

Christian Has	1
Daniel Royer & wife	2
Catharine Royer	1
Barbara Koch	1
Jacob Hershey & wife	2
Henry Lanecker	1
Bedy Lanecker	1

1769 May 14th died the overseer
Michael Pfautz age 60 and was
overseer and bishop 22 years
from the year 1747 till 1769 and
179 persons were baptized in
that time in the conestoga
church. 10 days before Michael
Pfautz passed away he heloed to
consegrate Brother Christian
Lanecker by laying on of hands.
After Michael Pfautzs death, Christ-
ian Lanecker was overseer of the
Conestoga church for 3 years from
1769 to 1772

These were baptized by Christian
Lanecker ~~xxxxxxx~~

1769 Philip Schumacher	1
Isaac Eshlemen & wife	2
Christ Zug	1
Elizabeth Eby	1
1770 Anna Lanecker	1
1771 Jacob Geib	1

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These were baptized by Christian
Lanecker in the 3 years 7 persons

1772 none were baptized on account of epidemic.

Because the Conestoga Church was so big and wide spread it was decided unanimously to divide the church in 3 parts ~~the~~ Conestoga, one White Oak one and Swatara one in the Year 1772. Peter Eigelberger and Jacob Stoll as overseer and bishop for the Conestoga district- and Christian Lanecker and Johannes Zug as overseer and bishop for White Oak district and Hans Jacob Beshor and G. Klein for the Swatara District.

Now from here on is only written from the Conestoga District once in a while.

In Conestoga Church
Baptized by Eigelberger & J. Stoll

1773 Felix Gerber & Wife	2
Christian Kober & wife	2
1774 Christian Huber & wife	2
Mattie Hauck	1
Diederich Dishong & wife	2
1775 Charles Hallacher & wife	2
Johannes Royer & wife	2
Johannes Pfautz & wife	2
Johannes Kemper & wife	2
1776 Rudy Bollinger & wife	2
John Groff & wife	2
Susan Diehl	1
Stofel Royer & wife	2
1777 in the Revolution war	
no "VERSUCHUNG"	
1778 Michael Huber & wife	2
1779 Abram Landis & wife	2
Jacob Widder & wife	2
1780 Elizabeth Flory	1
John Bauer	1
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In Conestoga Church
Baptized by Eigelberger & Stoll

1781 Jacob Spindler & wife	2
Margaret Sebold	1
Hannah Frantz	1
1782 Ann Bear	1
Jacob Miller	1
Widow Nes	1
1783 Peter Rosenberger & wife	2
Isaac Durdorf & wife	2
Ann Groff	1
1784 John Glinis wife	1
Abram Grebill & wife	2
Henry Mohler & wife	2
Henry Bear & wife	2
Jacob Landis & wife	2
1785 Andony Dornbach & wife	2
Jacob Widder & wife	2
Christian Koyer & wife	2
1786 Christian Harnly & wife	2
Jeremiah Wolf & wife	2
sister Kemper	1
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In Conestoga church

baptized by Eigelberg & Stoll

1787 John Kochenderfer & wife	2
Catharine Rieser	1
Freny Rieser	1
Ann Groff	1
Philip Royer & wife	2
Maria Sponaner	1
Michael Bauman	1
Henry Bauman	1
1788 John Dersdorf	1
Adam Roland & wife	2
Johannes Kemper & wife	2
Christopher Royer & wife	2
1789 Joseph Mischler & wife	2
Widow Bucher	1
George Dierdorf & wife	2
1790 Widow Gungle	1
Margret Landis	1
Christian Mohler & wife	2
John Royer & wife	2
Daniel Koyer & wife	2
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In Conestoga Church

Baptized by Eigelberg & Stoll

1791 David Kemper & wife	2
David Frantz & wife	2
sister Spiran	1
Bety Schweikert	1
1792 John Pfautz & wife	2
George Widder & wife	2
Solomon Pfautz & wife	2
Martin Keller & wife	2
Daniel Bollinger & wife	2
Johannes Royer & wife	2
1793 Martin Nisly & wife	2
Peter Bollinger & wife	2
Abram Dirdarf & wife	2
Johannes Myer & wife	2
1794 Abram Bollinger & wife	2
Martin Myer & wife	2
Henrich Mohler & wife	2
Christian Young	1
John Mohler & wife	2
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In Conestoga Church

1795 Baptized by Jacob Stoll
 Emanuel Westenberger & Wife 2
 Sister Westenberger 1
 1796 Sam Westenberger jr. 1
 John Guthjahr & wife 2
 1797 Eba Rosenberger 1
 1798 Barbara Bear 1
 Christian Kurtz & wife 2
 1799 Ludwig Kurtz 1
 John Stoffer & wife 2
 1800 Henrich Guth & wife 2
 sister Miller 1
 1801 David Kemper was elected for
 preacher and Johannes Myer for
 Deacon 16

151 persons were baptized by
 Eigelberger & Stoll

In Conestoga Church

Baptized by J. Stoll & D. Kemper
 1802 Samuel Haller & wife 2
 Ephrem Royer & wife 2
 Jacob Mohler & wife 2
 1803 John Pfautz & wife 2
 John Mohler & wife 2
 1804 Elizabeth Schirr 1
 1805 Abram Bear 1
 Jacob Pfautz (preacher & w. 2
 John Royer (millback) & wife 2
 1806 Hannah Bitzer 1
 Susan Staffer 1
 John Kemper & wife 2
 1807 John Yound & wife 2
 Joseph Royer & wife 2
 1808 Jacob Royer & wife 2
 Joseph Royer & wife (Millback) 2
 John Gunkle & wife 2
 1809 Henry Mohler (Deacon) & wife 2
 Henry Muma & wife 2
 Elizabeth Miller 1
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In Conestoga Church

Baptized by Stoll & Kemper
 1810 John Boyer 1
 Henry Miller & wife 2
 1811 Jacob Bollinger & wife 2
 David Bollinger 1
 Samuel Mishler & wife 2
 1812 David Royer & wife 2
 John Fry & wife 2
 John Widder & wife 2
 1813 Henry Mohler & wife 2
 Hannah Landis 1
 Sarah Becker 1
 1814 Catharine Gerber 1
 Susan Landis 1
 Maria Fahnestock 1
 1815 Abram Zug & Jacob Pfautz 21
 together were elected as
 preacher & Jacob Bollinger

and Henry Mohler the old, as Deacons.
 These were baptized by Stoll and
 D. Kemper 204 persons in 50 years
 as far as we know.

In Conestoga Church Baptized by Stoll & Kemper

1816 Abram Grebill & wife
 George Myer & wife
 George Ervin & wife
 Samuel Myer & wife
 1817 Ben Bollinger & wife
 John Shenkle & wife
 Jacob Mishler & wife
 1818 John Mishler's wife
 George Wolf's wife
 1819 Michal Landis & wife
 Katy Wolf
 Betsy Guth
 1820 Samuel Young & wife
 Barbara Royer
 Old Jacob Grever & wife
 1821 John Sennets wife
 Maria Enk
 Henry Miller

In Conestoga Church Baptized by Stoll & Kemper

1822 Widow Sperah
 Richart Smith & wife
 1823 Pecky Royer
 Susan Kemper
 Adam Kemper
 1823 Both Abram Zug and Jacob Pfautz
 received laying on of hands and
 Samuel Myer and Michael Landis
 were both elected for preacher
 and Henry Mohler the old, and
 Jacob Bollinger were both electe
 to become Deacons
 Jacob Stoll died in the year
 1822 in his 92nd year.

1834 Joseph Royer
 Sarah Has
 Catharine Bollinger
 Maria Bollinger

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February 28,

BOMBERGER FAMILY.

I. CHRISTIAN BOMBERGER¹ and Maria, his wife, emigrated from Eshelbrun, Baden, Germany, and arrived in Pennsylvania on the 12th day of May, 1722. He took up and settled upon a tract of land in Warwick township, Lancaster county, a portion of which remains in the possession of his descendants to this day. The original patent bears date May 22, 1734, and included 548 acres in the survey. This patent is now in the hands of Reverend Christian Bomberger, a preacher of the Mennonite church. The first Christian died prior to 1750, and left, among other children:

2. i. John, b. 1703; m. Mary Bausman.
3. ii. Christian; m. and had issue.

II. JOHN BOMBERGER,² (Christian,¹) b. about 1703: m. MARY BAUSMAN. They had issue, all b. in Warwick township, Lancaster county:

- i. Michael, b. 1737; m. and settled in Maryland.
4. ii. John, b. January 31, 1739; m. Catharine Flora.
5. iii. Christian, b. 1740; m. Elizabeth Dussinger.
- iv. Joseph, b. 1742; m. and had Peter, who settled in Canada.
- v. Jacob, b. 1744. He received the rudiments of a German education at Litiz, and was brought up on his father's farm. During the Provincial era, he served as an officer in the Second battalion of the Pennsylvania troops, under General Forbes and Colonel Bouquet. During the Revolution, he was some time in service, but turning his attention to religion, he began to study such theological works as were within his reach. After the peace of 1783, he went into the Western country, and for many years missionated among the Indians in the North-west. During the war of 1812-14, well advanced in life, he returned to Pennsylvania, and remained with his friends. He died near Harrisburg, Pa., on the 4th of August, 1829, at the age of eighty-five, and was buried in Sherer's

burying-ground. The labors of Mr. Bomberger, for many years, were of that self-sacrificing spirit and devotedness which proved that others there were beside the zealous Jesuit and the faithful Moravian whose religious fervor and Christ-like example stand out as shining lights in the galaxy of the followers of the doctrines and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

III. CHRISTIAN BOMBERGER,² (Christian,¹) m., and had issue, among others :

6. i. John; m. Maria Reist.
- ii. Christian.
- iii. Jacob, d. s. p.
- iv. Joseph; m. Miss Erb; settled near Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa., and they had *Christian, Joseph, and John*. The latter m. and had *Elias, John, Martin, David, and Christian*.

IV. JOHN BOMBERGER,³ (John,² Christian,¹) b. January 31, 1739, in Warwick township, Lancaster county, Pa.; d. May 6, 1798, near Middletown, Pa.; m. CATHARINE FLORA. They had issue :

- i. Elizabeth; m. Michael Rodenberger; removed to Centre county, Pa.
7. ii. John, b. July 13, 1763; m., first, Rachel Blattenberger; second, Elizabeth (Cauffman) Heppich.
- iii. Joseph, b. 1772; d. March 20, 1814; unm.
8. iv. Jacob, b. July 25, 1775; m. Sophia Ettley.
- v. Michael, d. s. p.
- vi. George; m. and removed to Lancaster, Ohio.
- vii. Jonas; m. and removed to Centre or Clearfield county, Pa., and had one daughter, *Sophia*.

V. CHRISTIAN BOMBERGER,³ (John,² Christian,¹) b. about 1740, in Lancaster county, Pa.; m., first, ELIZABETH DUS-SINGER; second, JULIA DUSSINGER; and there was issue, among others :

- i. Joseph; m. and had two sons, one of whom, *Elias*, removed to Virginia.
- ii. David; m. and left issue—*Isaac* and Doctor *Christian*, both of whom left families.
- iii. Moses, d. s. p.
- iv. Peter, d. s. p.
- v. Samuel; m. and settled in Canada.
- vi. Christian; m. and settled in Canada.
- vii. John, d. s. p.

VI. JOHN
MARIA REIST

- i. C.
- ii. J.
- iii. J.
- iv. J.
- v. A.

- vi. D.
- vii. F.

VII. JOHN
April 11, 1
m., first. R
August 19,

- i. C.

9. ii. J.
- iii. J.
- vi. J.

- v. C.

John Bo
HEPPICH,
issue:

- vi. J.

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Berks, and Conestoga, in what is now Lancaster County. Their religious leader was Peter Becker, who had been a minister under Alexander Mack at Schwartzenu, Germany. In 1723, Becker made a missionary tour through the upper settlements, and organized a church at Conestoga with thirty-six members. In the next year, as is learned from an old manuscript record, "The church agreed to hold an election for an assistant to Peter Becker. The choice fell on Conrad Beisel for minister and John Hildebrand for deacon, both to serve at Conestogoe, . . . but Beisel, being wise in his own conceit, soon caused a trouble in the church in regard to the Sabbath. He had an idea that Saturday was the Lord's day, so he and some of the members held Saturday for the Sabbath, and did work on Sunday." The result was that in 1729, when Alexander Mack came here from Germany, the question of the Sabbath was put to vote in the Conestoga Church, and being decided against Becker's ideas by a large majority, he, with a few others, withdrew from the Conestoga Church, and "did organize at Ephrata as Seventh-Day Baptists."

The Conestoga Church at its organization embraced the settlements within the present territory of Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon, and Berks Counties, over all of which Peter Becker had charge until the arrival of Alexander Mack, who then assumed the office of bishop, with Becker as his assistant. Becker served until his death in 1734. Mack died in the following year.

? Michael Frantz, a minister, was elected successor of Bishop Mack in 1736, and served until 1747, when he removed to Virginia and organized a church in that State. After his departure Michael Pfautz was ordained bishop, and served till his death, May 14, 1769, at the age of sixty years. Ten days before his death he assisted at the laying of hands on Christian Longenecker at his ordination as bishop. The Conestoga Church increased in numbers, and was served by ministers appointed for that purpose. In 1772 it was agreed to divide the territory of the Conestoga Church into three church districts, viz., Conestoga, White Oak, and Swatara. At this time the ministers resident within the district of the new Conestoga Church were Peter Eizelberger and Jacob Stall. The latter died in 1822, aged ninety-two years.

In 1823, Abraham Zug and Jacob Pfautz were ordained bishops. Jacob Pfautz served until his death, in 1864, aged eighty-seven years, five months, and twenty-five days, having served the church forty-nine years. During his labors six hundred and forty persons were baptized. Abraham Zug remained as bishop over this church for several years, when he moved to Swatara, Lebanon Co., and lived there till his death, July 18, 1841.

On the 5th of October, 1841, the churches of Conestoga and White Oak agreed to establish a church in Lebanon County. At a council held in 1842 it was decided to set off all the members of Conestoga, White

Oak, and part of Swatara Churches who resided in Lebanon County, to a new church to be formed at Tulpehocken, and that John Zug should be the minister.

On the 4th of June, 1831, Christian Bomberger was ordained minister, and was ordained bishop June 4, 1862. In 1864, Conestoga Church was divided into three districts, viz., East Conestoga, West Conestoga, and Ephrata. At this time the ministers of West Conestoga Church were Christian Bomberger, Jacob Reinhold, and Christian Brubaker.

Christian Bomberger took charge of this church as bishop. He served until his death, May 21, 1880, at the age of seventy-nine. Jacob Hockman was ordained bishop in 1879, and assisted Bishop Bomberger till his death, when he assumed entire charge, and is still the bishop. The present number of members in the different churches of the district is about two hundred.

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