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DIEHL FAMILIES

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History, Genealogy, Reminiscences, Etc.

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THE AUTHOR'S PREFACE

Pride of ancestry and love of genealogy are worthy traits of any civilization. They foster a spirit that develops the best to be found in the human soul. Savages are ignorant of pedigrees, and are without lineage. We must turn to the enlightened of humanity for a record of the earth's activity and a history of her people.

But a genealogy treats of but one branch of her many people. In this volume, the author desires to enroll the several branches of the Diehl families of this country, in an accurate and permanent manner. In compiling this work, I have found Diehls in nearly every state of the Union. The original ones almost invariably came from various sections of the *Vaterland*. To assemble data from such a large scope of widely situated locations is no easy task. Most of it must be done by mail — by patient and persistent correspondence.

Old family Bibles of other centuries were hunted for records, assessment rolls dug out of the dust, inscriptions of names and dates from the mountain slabs of century-old cemeteries copied, ancient court house records transcribed, the archives of Historical Societies and State Departments ransacked, and the oldest living representative of his community consulted, that this enterprise might succeed. To each and every one, from ocean to ocean, who has in any manner contributed to this success, I am under the most lasting obligation. Valuable and repeated assistance came from Mr. U. G. Diehl, Everett, Pennsylvania, (son of Ex-Sheriff Diehl); Mr. E. F. Diehl, Leesburg, Indiana; Mrs. Catharine L. Pennell, Loys-

burg, Pennsylvania; Henry Diehl, Bedford, Pennsylvania; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, Mann's Choice, Pennsylvania; Hon. Geo. C. Diehl, Buffalo, New York; George H. Diehl, Mowrystown, Ohio; Rev. S. A. Diehl, A.M., Hanover, Pennsylvania, and a score of others, for which I am grateful.

From Judge Hall's sixty-page pamphlet of the Diehls, issued in 1891; the "Smouse Families of America"; the "House of Cessna," by H. L. Cessna, Esq., Rainsburg, Pennsylvania; and a voluminous History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania, I obtained help for which credit is due here.

Our work is done, but the volume is incomplete for the lack of data in genealogy, history, and absent names, to the number of many hundreds of instances. It can be made complete only when all the present living generation is genealogically enrolled, with the occupation and postoffice address of each family, the civic, religious and fraternal affiliations of each member and the dates of births, marriages and leading events systematically arranged, so as to make a large, handsome volume that every loyal Diehl would be proud to add to his library or reading table.

With the firm hope of it meriting the appreciation of many friends, we send this volume on.

E. H. DIEHL.

Ipava, Illinois, Feb. 22, 1915.

Abraham Diehl and Issue.

I.

ABRAHAM and CHRISTENA DIEHL, with three young sons, moved from Pennsylvania down to Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1779. April 16, 1804, he bought six hundred forty acres of land of Hugh McCaley, for \$10,500, near Cross Keys, in that section. On this property was a new dwelling house, now owned by B. B. Miller, that is over 100 years old, and good for another century. Mr. Diehl died in 1832.

Issue: 1. Philip. 2. John; 3. Abraham—twins. 4. Elizabeth. 5. Catharine. 6. Christena. 7. Mary.

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II.

ABRAHAM (I), PHILIP (II).

I. PHILIP DIEHL was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Virginia as a child, in 1779. He married and had a large family. We have data of but two.

Issue:

1. Amos, married and settled in West Virginia.
2. Mary, married and went to East Virginia.

II. ABRAHAM DIEHL, born 1779, and married Mary Wetzel. They occupied a part of the old homestead purchased in 1846, on the north branch of the Shenandoah, where he died June 25, 1864, and was buried near Cross Keys, where his father had lived fifty-three years. Death overtook him as he was returning from preaching at the Mill Creek Church of the Brethren, of which he was a member.

Issue: 1. Nancy. 2. David. 3. Mathias. 4. Elizabeth. 5. Sarah. 6. Samuel. 7. Catharine. 8. James. 9. Abraham.

III.

ABRAHAM (I), ABRAHAM (II), DAVID (III).

I. DAVID DIEHL was married and located at Jonesboro, Tennessee. He left his Virginia home March, 1859, and made the four hundred-mile trip in a bolt wagon.

Issue: 1. Christian. 2. Samuel. 3. Isaac. 4. William. 5. John. 6. Peter. 7. Mary. 8. Sarah.

II. MATHIAS DIEHL was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, July 13, 1815, and died June 18, 1876. In 1837 he married Sarah Hartman. During the war their home was near Rockland Mills, on the north branch of the Shenandoah, where several vivid scenes of the Civil Rebellion occurred. They were members of the Church of the Brethren.

Issue:

1. Susanah, Dec. 15, 1838, died young.
2. Amos W., Feb. 14, 1840.
3. Josiah H., July 25, 1842.
4. Mary Elizabeth, Sept. 25, 1844.
5. Malinda A., April 25, 1847.
6. Jeremiah S., April 29, 1850.
7. Elijah F. (Jan. 25, 1853–July 3, 1899).
8. Enoch (Sept. 30, 1856–1865).
9. Jacob P., Oct. 8, 1859.

III. SAMUEL DIEHL married and in 1867 changed locations, finally settling in Green County, Virginia.

Issue: 1. Mansilla. 2. Hezekiah. 3. Hannah. 4. Sarah. 5. Isaiah. 6. Leanah. 7. Clementine. 8. Mary. 9. Frank.

IV. ABRAHAM DIEHL married Nancy Black.

Issue: 1. Charles. 2. Martha.

IV.

ABRAHAM (I), ABRAHAM (II), MATHIAS (III), AMOS W. (IV).

I. AMOS W. DIEHL was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Feb. 14, 1840. He is married and lives at Nokesville, Virginia.

Issue:

1. H. J. Diehl, Weyers Cave, Virginia.
2. Minnie Diehl-Nelson, Sangerville, Virginia.
3. John, Nokesville, Virginia.
4. Luther, Nokesville, Virginia.
5. Sailor, Washington, D. C.
6. Elizabeth, Washington, D. C.
7. Charles, Staunton, Virginia.
8. Martin, in Ohio.

II. JOSIAH H. DIEHL was born near Cross Keys, Virginia, July 25, 1842. He is married and lives at North River, Virginia.

Issue:

1. Isaac F., North River, Virginia.
2. Kenny M., Port Republic, Virginia.
3. H. J. Diehl, Penn Laird, Virginia.
4. Rosa Diehl-Cupp, New Hope, Virginia.
5. Lillie, at 16, fell from a cherry tree; died.

All of this family are members of the Church of the Brethren.

III. MARY ELIZABETH DIEHL was born near Cross Keys, Virginia, Sept. 25, 1844. She married Silas D. Shirey. Mrs. Shirey has endeared herself to her friends by her kindness and helpfulness until she is known as the Dorcas of the New Testament.

IV. MALINDA A. DIEHL (April 25, 1847-Dec. 27, 1910), married Conrad Bodeffer. They were the parents of four boys and six girls.

V. ELIJAH F. DIEHL (Jan. 25, 1853–July 3, 1899). He was the father of ten children, viz:

1. Arthur J. S., Port Republic, Virginia.
2. Mary S., Penn Laird, Virginia.
3. Ellen, Penn Laird, Virginia.
4. Otis, and 5, Benjamin, in Colorado.
6. Charles, in Ohio.
7. William, North River, Virginia.
8. Clark D. and 9, Hattie, Penn Laird, Virginia.

VI. JACOB P. DIEHL was born Oct. 8, 1859, and grew to manhood on a farm at Beard's Ford, on the North Branch of the Shenandoah river, just a few miles from the historic battle field of Port Republic, Virginia. He has very vivid recollections of many war incidents of that section. Soldiers of both Northern and Southern armies were never refused a meal if there was anything to eat in his father's house. Their best horses were taken and many barns full of grain and provender burned during General Sheridan's raid there, Oct. 5, 1864. Mr. Diehl married Martha Harshberger, Oct. 1, 1879. Nearly all these people are loyal members of the Church of the Brethren.

Issue:

1. Mary Anicetus Diehl-Benington, March 1, 1881.
2. Charles Elijah, June 20, 1883, Penn Laird, Virginia.
3. J. William Enoch, Feb. 26, 1886, Port Republic, Virginia.
4. Herman Harshberger, Oct. 30, 1887, Penn Laird.
5. Oda Diehl-Allen, April 5, 1890, Harrisonburg.
6. Paul Russell, Sept. 7, 1896.
7. Hays Lester, Jan. 13, 1899.
8. James Quinter, Dec. 17, 1900.
9. Queen Esther, Dec. 22, 1902.
10. Martha Sarah Elizabeth, Feb. 21, 1905.

To the first four of the five married families there is an aggregate of eleven grand children to Jacob P. and Martha H. Diehl.

Issue:

1. Clarence Ellsworth, Oct. 5, 1924.

II. HERBERT LEROY DEAL, Oct. 9, 1906, Bowne, Mich., mar. Katherine Kirk, and live at Portland, Ore.

III. WILDER A. DEAL, June 3, 1912, is at Fruitland, Idaho.

I. EDSON HART, HOMER STEEVES, LELAND IRA DEAL, sons of W. W. Deal, are musicians and active workers in religious and social community circles.

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Abraham Diehl and Descendants

I

ABRAHAM AND CHRISTINA DIEHL with three young sons, moved from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1779. Rockingham County marriage records indicate that he was a son of an Abraham Diehl. Between 1779 and 1782, there were at least two Abraham Diehl's living in Pennsylvania, as shown by the tax records in Vol. XVII of the 3rd Series, Pennsylvania Archives, and by the Militia records in Vol. VII of the 5th Series, Pennsylvania Archives. The 1790 Census Report for Pennsylvania lists "Abraham Teel" on page 92 and "Abraham Deel" on page 95, both in Dauphin County which was formed from Lancaster County in 1785. One of these Abraham Diehl's lived in Lebanon Township and was the son of Jacob Diehl. It is quite probable that Abraham I was the son of this Abraham and the grandson of Jacob.

Egle states on page 334 of his "History of Lebanon County" that Jacob Diehl of Lebanon Township died in 1779 leaving his wife Elizabeth and children as follows: 1. Christian, 2. Abraham, 3. Catherine, 4. Anna Marie, 5. Judith, 6. Elizabeth, 7. Solomon, 8. John, 9. Samuel. The marriage of Jacob Diehl and Elizabeth Knies is listed on page 664 of Vol. 8, 2nd Series, Pennsylvania Archives, as having occurred in the Philadelphia German Reformed Church on April 22, 1737. Since no Jacob Diehl is listed by

Rupp or the Colonial Records between 1727 and 1741, he must have come to this country prior to 1727. This Jacob Diehl is listed by Morgan Edwards as a member of the little Swatara Brethren Church in 1770, and he may have come to this country with the first group of the Brethren, or Dunkers, in 1719. Abraham I was a member of the Brethren Church.

No definite information has been found regarding the other Abraham Diehl who lived after 1779 in the part of Lancaster County from which Dauphin County was formed in 1785. He may possibly have been a son or a grandson of the Abraham Diehl who came over in the "Saint Andrew" in 1734.

On April 16, 1804, Abraham I bought 640 acres of land near Cross Keys, Rockingham County, Virginia, from Hugh McCaley. The documents in this transaction bear the name of Jacob Diehl as a witness. This Jacob appears to have been a brother of Abraham. He married Polly Cook in 1807 and is mentioned in the Augusta County records as living in Ohio in 1819.

Abraham I died about 1825 and is buried on the old farm now owned by Mr. B. B. Miller. The old house built about 1804 is still standing in excellent condition.

Issue:

1. Philip. 2. John, 1779. 3. Abraham, twin (1779—June 25, 1864). 4. Elizabeth. 5. Catherine. 6. Mary. 7. Christena.

II

Abraham (I), Philip (II).

I. PHILIP DIEHL was born in Pennsylvania and came to Virginia with his father as an infant in 1779. He married Margaret Blose in 1814 and reared a large family. We have names of but two, Amos and Mary. It seems that these two parted with the wish never to see each other again, Amos taking his family to West Virginia and Mary settling with her family in eastern Virginia.

II. JOHN DIEHL, twin brother of Abraham, was born in 1779. He sold his farm near Peach Grove, Rockingham County and moved to Wanesboro, Va.

III. ABRAHAM DIEHL (1779—June 25, 1864) married Mary Wetzel (1787—Oct., 1872). They occupied a part of the old homestead purchased in 1846, on the north branch of the Shenandoah. Death overtook him as he was returning from preaching at the Mill Creek Church of the Brethren, of which he was a member. He and his wife are buried in the family burying ground on the Abraham Diehl I farm.

Issue:

1. Nancy (April 18, 1806—May, 1879).
2. David, (Sept. 3, 1807—April 22, 1889).
3. Samuel, Nov. 28, 1808.
4. Elizabeth, (Sept. 27, 1810—Feb. 13, 1887).
5. Sara, May 19, 1812.
6. Catharine, May 12, 1814.
7. Mathias, (July 13, 1815—June 18, 1876).
8. James (May 21, 1819—April 15, 1896).
9. Abraham III, June 26, 1834.

IV. MARY DIEHL mar. a Donson and lived four miles south of Harrisonburg, Va., near the Valley Pike Mennonite Church.

Issue:

1. John.
2. Marguret, married Josiah Hartman.

III

I. NANCY DIEHL, (April 18, 1806—May, 1879) mar. a Hough. She is buried in Mill Creek Cemetery.

Issue:

1. Polly, married a Showalter.

II. DAVID DIEHL, (Sept. 3, 1807—April 22, 1889) mar. Elizabeth Hartman (June 30, 1816—Dec. 18, 1906), a sister to Sarah and Christian Hartman, who also married members of the family. David left his Virginia home near the ancestral place in March, 1860, and located near Jonesboro, Tennessee, making the three hundred mile trip with his family in a bolt wagon.

Issue:

1. John, married Katie Galloway.
2. Mary, married Daniel Miller.
3. Isaac (March 10, 1838—Nov. 6, 1911).
4. Christian Henry, (July 27, 1841—Oct. 18, 1919).
5. Samuel T., (Dec. 11, 1843—June 4, 1916).
6. Peter, died young.
7. David, March 7, 1851, married Mary Sherfey.
8. Sarah, Oct. 17, 1852.
9. William, died young.
10. Suzannah, died in infancy.

III. SAMUEL DIEHL, Nov. 28, 1808. Changed locations in 1867, finally settling in Green County, Va.

Issue:

1. Mansilla. 2. Hezekiah. 3. Hannah. 4. Sarah. 5. Isaiah. 6. Leonah. 7. Clementine. 8. Mary. 9. Frank.

IV. ELIZABETH DIEHL, (Sept. 27, 1810—Feb. 13, 1887), mar. Christian Hartman, (Feb. 3, 1824—Aug. 19, 1893). Five of their children died of diptheria within two weeks time. All are buried in Mill Creek Cemetery.

V. SARA DIEHL was born May 19, 1812, and mar. John Root.

Issue:

1. Samuel.
2. J. C., lives at Bridgewater, Va.
3. Columbia Garland.
4. William.
5. Sally, married a Miller.
6. Edward.

VI. MATHIAS DIEHL, (July 13, 1815—June 18, 1876) mar. Sarah Hartman, (March 27, 1819—June 21, 1890) in 1837. They lived near Rockland Mills, on the north branch of the Shenandoah. Their best horses were taken and many barns full of grain and provender were burned during Sheridan's Raid, October 5, 1864. They were members of the Church of the Brethren.

Issue:

1. Susannah, Dec. 15, 1843; died young.
2. Amos W., Feb. 14, 1840.
3. Josiah H. (July 25, 1842—April 27, 1927).
4. Mary Elizabeth (Sept. 25, 1844—March 19, 1926).
5. Malinda A. (April 25, 1847—Dec. 29, 1910).
6. Jeremiah S. (April 29, 1850—Nov. 20, 1925).
7. Elijah F. (Jan. 25, 1853—July 3, 1899).
8. Enoch (Sept. 30, 1856—Nov. 21, 1865).
9. Jacob P., Oct. 8, 1859.

VII. ABRAHAM DIEHL III, June 26, 1834, mar. Nancy Black.

Issue:

1. Charles.
2. Martha.

IV

Abraham (I), Abraham (II), David (III), Mary (IV).

I. MARY DIEHL mar. Daniel Miller.

Issue:

1. Isaac F., Feb. 3, 1863.

II. ISAAC NEWTON DIEHL, (March 10, 1838—Nov. 6, 1911), mar. Abigail Beals (Nov. 10, 1840—Sept. 6, 1905) in 1861.

Issue:

1. Sam, Aug. 4, 1863.
2. Edward Jeptha, Nov. 19, 1864.
3. Westley William, March 5, 1866.
4. Noah Franklin (Feb. 25, 1874—1910).
5. Isaac Newton, Jr., 1878; died young.
6. Ann Elizabeth, died in infancy.
7. Bessie, Feb. 5, 1883.

III. CHRISTIAN HENRY DIEHL (July 27, 1841—Oct. 18, 1919), mar. Martha Jane Bowman (July 29, 1842—Dec. 11, 1922), on March 21, 1863.

Issue:

1. George Bowman, Dec. 25, 1863.
2. William Polk, March 5, 1866.
3. Mary Elizabeth, (Jan. 6, 1869—June 19, 1924).
4. Austin (May 13, 1872—1929).
5. Albert, April 3, 1875.
6. Annie, April 26, 1878.
7. Ada, Jan. 19, 1881.

IV. SAMUEL T. DIEHL (Dec. 11, 1843—June 4, 1916), mar. Amanda Jane Kirk (Oct. 6, 1847—Sept. 19, 1887) on Oct. 6, 1867 and lived near Jonesboro, Tennessee. Seven children were born of this union. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Diehl mar. Minerva C. Gibson on Sept. 12, 1897.

Issue:

1. Ulyses Orlando (Nov. 6, 1868—Dec. 28, 1878).
2. Dora Ella Bell, Aug. 20, 1870.
3. Bertha Elena, (May 20, 1872—June 12, 1900), mar. John Garst.
4. Franklin Eugene, Jan. 29, 1875.
5. Arthur Cornelius, April 28, 1878, mar. Eva Miller, July 16, 1916.
6. Emory Summer, Sept. 10, 1880, mar. Gertrude St. Clair.
7. Cortney Theodore, (Nov. 7, 1882—Nov. 18, 1929), mar. Cecile Loving.

V. SARAH DIEHL, Oct. 17, 1852, mar. Solomon B. Garst, (July 25, 1847—Jan. 19, 1908) on May 4, 1871. She lives on Route No. 8, Jonesboro, Tenn.

Issue:

1. Vergie, March 13, 1872.
2. John A., Jan. 13, 1874.
3. Zennie, March 17, 1876.
4. Emma, Aug. 4, 1878.
5. Mary, Jan. 31, 1883.
6. Frank, Dec. 21, 1883.
7. Sadie, May 24, 1886.

8. Robert, Nov. 15, 1888.

9. Mattie, Feb. 23, 1891.

**Abraham (I), Abraham (II), Samuel (III),
Mansillo (IV).**

I. MANSILLO DIEHL, mar. a Wetsel. There are two children,
Sammie and George.

II. HANNAH DIEHL mar. a Durrer.

Issue:

1. Alva. 2. Beulah. 3. Effie. 4. Armenia.

III. A. G. FRANK DIEHL, mar. Deliah F. ———.

Issue:

1. W. Paul. 2. Mary C. 3. Sila H. 4. Martha E., mar.
Faye Riddle. 5. Sammie. 6. Sarah E. 7. Lida M.

**Abraham (I), Abraham (II), Mathias (III),
Amos W. (IV).**

I. AMOS W. DIEHL was born Feb. 14, 1840. He lives at
Nokesville, Va.

Issue:

1. H. J. Diehl, Weyers Cave, Va.
2. Minnie, mar. a Nelson, Sangerville, Va.
3. John, Nokesville, Va.
4. Luther, Nokesville, Va.
5. Sailor, Washington, D. C.
6. Elizabeth, Washington, D. C.
7. Charles, Staunton, Va.
8. Martin, in Ohio.

II. JOSIAH H. DIEHL (July 25, 1842—April 27, 1927) lived
near Cross Keys, Va.

Issue:

1. Isaac F., North River, Va.
2. Kenny M., Port Republic, Va.

3. H. J., Penn Laird, Va.
4. Rosa, mar. A. Cupp, New Hope, Va.
5. Lillie, d. at 16 from a fall from a cherry tree.

III. MARY ELIZABETH DIEHL (Sept. 25, 1844—March 19, 1926), mar. Silas Shirey and lived near Goods Mill, Va. They had no children.

IV. MALINDA A. DIEHL (April 25, 1847—Dec. 27, 1910), mar. Conrad Rodeffer. They were the parents of four boys and six girls.

V. ELIJAH F. DIEHL (Jan. 25, 1853—July 3, 1899).

Issue:

1. Arthur J. S., Port Republic, Va.
2. Mary S., Penn Laird, Va.
3. Ellen, Penn Laird, Va.
4. Otis, in Colorado.
5. Benjamin, in Colorado.
6. Charles, in Ohio.
7. William, North River, Va.
8. Clark D., Penn Laird, Va.
9. Hattie, Penn Laird, Va.

VI. JACOB P. DIEHL was born Oct. 8, 1859, and grew to manhood on a farm at Beard's Ford, on the North Branch of the Shenandoah River, just a few miles from the historic battle field of Port Republic, Va. He has very vivid recollections of many war incidents of that section. Soldiers of both armies were never refused a meal if there was anything to eat in his fathers house. On Oct. 1, 1879 Mr. Diehl mar. Martha Harshbarger. He and most of his family are loyal members of the Church of the Brethren.

Issue:

1. Mary Anicetus, March 1, 1881, mar. a Benington.
2. Charles Elijah, June 20, 1883.
3. J. William Enoch, Feb. 26, 1886, Port Republic, Va.
4. Herman Harshbarger, Oct. 30, 1887.

5. Oda, April 5, 1890, mar. Geo. Allen, Harrisonburg, Va.
6. Paul Russel, Sept. 7, 1896.
7. Hays Lester, Jan. 13, 1899.
8. Queen Esther, Dec. 22, 1902.
9. Martha Sarah Elizabeth, Feb. 21, 1905.

V

Abraham (I), Abraham (II), David (III), Isaac (IV),
Edward J. (V).

I. EDWARD JEPHTHA DIEHL was born Nov. 19, 1864, near Jonesboro, Tenn. In 1898 he mar. Corda Collett who d. in 1901, leaving a daughter, Mary Lenora. In 1904 Mr. Diehl mar. Maggie Williams and now lives at 715 E. Church St., Iowa City, Iowa.

Issue:

1. Mary Lenora, Feb. 17, 1900.
2. Clarence. 3. Lawrence, Jan. 6, 1905, twins.
4. Lester Samuel, Nov. 4, 1911.
5. Alfred Waine, April 9, 1915.

II. WESTLEY WILLIAM DIEHL was born March 5, 1866. He mar. Edith Roote and now lives at 937 E. Jefferson St., Iowa City, Iowa.

Issue:

1. Donald W., Aug. 16, 1910.
2. Marguret.

III. NOAH FRANKLIN DIEHL was b. Feb. 25, 1874, and d. in 1910. He mar. May Morgan who was b. Feb. 6, 1880.

Issue:

1. Everette R., March 24, 1902.
2. Harold W., April 15, 1903.
3. Ardis Annette, April 30, 1909.

IV. BESSIE DIEHL was b. Feb. 5, 1883, and mar. Joseph E. Seehorn on April 10, 1907. They are now living on the Bridgewater College farm, Bridgewater, Va.

Issue:

1. Maynard Elmer, June 4, 1909.
2. Emma Gail, Aug. 24, 1910.
3. Effa Marjorie, Dec. 20, 1914.

Abraham (I), Abraham (II), David (III), Christian (IV), George B. (V).

I. GEORGE BOWMAN DIEHL was b. near Jonesboro, Dec. 25, 1863. In 1902 he mar. Nellie Crissman, and now lives in Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Issue:

1. Martha.
2. Dorothy.
3. Ruth.

II. WILLIAM POLK DIEHL was b. March 5, 1866. On Dec. 29, 1892, he mar. Lydia Showalter (Nov. 7, 1880—April 20, 1904). Sometime after the death of his first wife he mar. Alice Stover. He lives at Jonesboro, Tenn.

Issue:

1. Walter Stuart, Dec. 3, 1893.
2. Edwin Showalter, May 1, 1899.
3. Frances S., April 10, 1904.
4. William Polk, Jr., Dec. 6, 1911.

III. MARY ELIZABETH DIEHL, (Jan. 6, 1869—June 19, 1924), mar. George Crumley Mottern, (Jan. 14, 1864—April 12, 1927), on Nov. 28, 1888. Mr. Mottern was engaged in the retail mercantile business in Jonesboro for thirty years.

Issue:

1. Anna Lura, (Sept. 18, 1889—Feb. 20, 1920).
2. Virgil Christian, (Dec. 31, 1890—Oct. 18, 1918).
3. Horace Ernest, April 25, 1892.
4. George C., Jr., Sept. 3, 1894.
5. Hugh Henry, Dec. 19, 1903.
6. Mary Elizabeth, March 7, 1911.

IV. AUSTIN DIEHL was b. May 13, 1872. He mar. Calley Martin.

Issue:

1. Mary, mar. Joe Chase.
 2. Robert, mar. Bobbie Bushong.
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V. ALBERT DIEHL was b. April 3, 1875. On July 14, 1897, he mar. Lottie Pearl Hylton, who was b. March 17, 1879. They live at Jonesboro, Tenn.

Issue:

1. Aileen Fay, (April 24, 1898—March 23, 1920).
 2. Soloman Christian, Oct. 1, 1899.
 3. Jessie Pauline, (June 7, 1903—May 23, 1924).
 4. William Harden, Sept. 6, 1906.
 5. Mary Lucy, May 12, 1910.
 6. Martha Ruth, Dec. 7, 1913.
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VI. ANNIE DIEHL was b. April 26, 1878. On July 27, 1920 she mar. Tom Arterburn. They live on Route No. 12, Jonesboro, Tenn.

VII. ADA DIEHL was b. Jan. 19, 1881. On Feb. 28, 1923, she mar. J. Alfred Duncan. They live at 2082 Walker Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Abraham (I), Abraham (II), David (III), Samuel (IV),
Dora E. (V).

I. DORA E. DIEHL was b. Aug. 20, 1870. On Jan. 12, 1898 she mar. David W. Miller (Sept. 15, 1872—April 15, 1914). She now lives at Jonesboro, Tenn.

Issue:

1. Paul E., April 23, 1899.
2. Silas E., Oct. 15, 1900.
3. Lydia J., Sept. 20, 1902.
4. Samuel, April 3, 1904.
5. Roy E., July 4, 1909.
6. Mack, Dec. 11, 1912.

V I

Abraham (I), Abraham (II), David (III), Christian (IV), William (V); Walter S. (VI).

I. WALTER STUART DIEHL was b. Dec. 3, 1893. He was graduated in electrical engineering from the University of Tenn. in 1915. Soon after he entered the flying service of the U. S. Navy and became an aviator. But the science of flight attracted him and he has engaged in research work on airplanes and motors with the bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy Department for some time. On March 21, 1923 he mar. Zulime Summer and now lives at 2802 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D. C.

Issue:

1. Zulime Whitney, April 29, 1925.
 2. Walter Colburn, Feb. 22, 1930.
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II. EDWIN SHOWALTER DIEHL was b. May 1, 1899. For the past ten years he has been in Alaska with the U. S. Army.

V I

Abraham (I), Abraham (II), David (III), Christian (IV), Mary (V), Anna Lura (VI).

I. ANNA LURA MOTTERN, (Sept. 18, 1889—Feb. 20, 1920), mar. Benjamin H. Carr on Sept. 16, 1914, and lived at Piney Flats, Tenn.

Issue:

1. George Robert, July 4, 1915.
 2. Nell Ruth, March 2, 1917.
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II. VIRGIL C. MOTTERN, (Dec. 31, 1890—Oct. 18, 1918), was a telegraph operator. When he was called by the draft during the World War his religious belief forbade him to bear arms, and he was placed in an outpost company of the 105th Field Signal Battalion. On the night his division was retiring from the front never to return to battle again, the enemy suspected the movement

4. Abraham Lincoln, June 21, 1861, and died at La Fayette, Indiana, Nov. 1873.
 5. Rebecca Meade, July 17, 1863.
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XII. JOSEPH RITNER DIEHL, named after one of the state's most efficient governors, was born June 3, 1838, near Diehl's Mill, near New Oxford, Pennsylvania. After his common school course he completed his studies at Dr. Pfeiffer's Academy, at New Oxford. In 1854 he clerked for W. D. & A. S. Hines, a year, and then three years for Aaron Heagy. After that he learned the miller's trade with his brother, George W. Diehl. In 1860 he returned to merchandising with Mr. Heagy. March 4, 1862, he married Catharine Slagle and began their domestic life in the old Diehl mansion, where he took charge of the mill near by. After the death of his father, in 1863, he purchased the mill, which he managed successfully for many years. They were members of the Lutheran Church, he being a member of the council twenty-five years. Mr. Diehl has been director and clerk of the school board many years. He was a Republican, and in 1884, as a candidate for county commissioner, was defeated by a small majority, in a strongly Democratic county. He was a useful and influential citizen. His death occurred Jan. 3, 1899.

The old mill, in the hands of the Diehls some one hundred ten years, still stands as a monument to the industry, enterprise, integrity, skill, and worthy effort of a noble race. It is an old landmark on the banks of the Conewago, facing the old Philadelphia and Pittsburg Turnpike, which is now the new trans-continental Lincoln Highway. From a small pioneer grist mill it has grown to the present five-story stone and brick structure, which we have the pleasure of illustrating, as the frontispiece of this work.

Accept these lines here, written by Prof. Louis Diehl, many years ago, and set to music:

WATER THAT HAS PASSED.

Listen to the water mill,
 Through the livelong day,
 How the clanking of the wheel
 Wears the hours away.
 Languidly the autumn wind
 Stirs the greenwood leaves;
 From the fields the reapers sing,
 Binding up the sheaves;
 And a proverb haunts my mind,
 As a spell is cast:
 "The mill will never grind
 With the water that has passed."

Take the lesson to thyself,
 Living heart and true,
 Golden years are fleeting by,
 Youth is passing, too;
 Learn to make the most of life,
 Lose no happy day;
 Time will never bring thee back
 Chances swept away.
 Leave no tender word unsaid,
 Love while life shall last—
 "The mill will never grind
 With the water that has passed."

Work while yet the daylight shines,
 Man of strength and will;
 Never does the streamlet glide
 Useless by the mill.
 Wait not till tomorrow's sun
 Beams upon the way;
 All that thou canst call thine own
 Lies in thy today;
 Power, intellect and health
 May not, cannot last;
 "The mill will never grind
 With the water that has passed."

Oh, the wasted hours of life
 That have drifted by;
 Oh, the good we might have done,
 Lost without a sigh;
 Love that we might once have saved

By a single word;
 Thoughts conceived, but never penned,
 Perishing unheard.
 Take the proverb to thine heart,
 Take! Oh, hold it fast!—
 "The mill will never grind
 With the water that has passed."

These children were born to Joseph B. and Catharine S. Diehl:

1. Charles Eli, Dec. 16, 1862.
2. Martin D., Nov. 3, 1865.
3. Alverta Leah, Feb. 28, 1870.
4. Ervin Joseph, May 18, 1877.

XIII. ELLIJAH F. DIEHL, of Leesburg, Indiana, was born March 13, 1841, in the old homestead near New Oxford, Pennsylvania, in the picturesque regions of the Gettysburg country. The winter months of his young farm life, for a few years, were spent in the home school. Later he took a course in Dr. M. D. G. Pfeiffer's Collegiate Institute, giving him a broader and grander view of life. His ambitions led him westward, where the fertile soil and hospitable people of Kosciusko County, Indiana, arrested his attention. Here he industriously farmed in summer and taught school in winter—two of the noblest and most necessary professions. The western fever struck him again and landed him in northwest Missouri, near St. Joseph. Here he taught school and wrestled with the ague a winter. Leaving that miasmatic section he returned eastward again. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. B., 138th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac. But there were lasting attractions in Indiana. Sept. 19, 1867, he married Mary Annie Berst, who was born June 17, 1848, in Kosciusko County, Indiana, and whose paternal grandfather, Conrad Berst, was born at Strassburg, Germany, in 1779, and came to America in 1798. Her maternal ancestors were from England and Wales. Their descendants were worthy citizens, commanding the respect and confidence of those who knew them.

In politics, Mr. Diehl is a Republican, and has been township assessor and land appraiser three terms, or a dozen years, in succession. As a writer of the agricultural and political

OUR FAMILY TREE

Among the Diehls are well-known names,
Of stalwart men and handsome dames,
Belonging to our loyal clan,
By birth, or marriage,—every man,
In widely separated states,
Alone, or with their kindred mates,
That I would like to list in rhymes,
Within this record, for all times.

Inspect this lengthy list and see,
Who all are on our Family Tree;
Jake Whetstone, Reighard, David Diehl,
Dave Dittmar, Taylor, Ackorn, Steel;
George Beegle, Boyer, Bowser, Crouse,
Frank Benton, Earnest, Etnire, Smouse;
John Exline, Imler, Kaufman, King,
Abe Weisel, Whitmore, Wilson, Ring.

Sam Baker, Barkley, Thompson, Brown,
Clint Lenon, Cogan, Fuller, Crown;
McCormick, Miller, Myers, May,
Fitzgerald, Fackler, Fleming, Fay;
McClellan, Nycum, Porter Traile,
Snyder, Shaffer, Shoemaker, Hale;
Hanson, Pensyl, Rockefeller, Wean,
Lingenfelter, Arnold and Alteen.

Phil Morgart, Freeman, Nurembrock,
Claar, Bankert, Shearer, Jacob Mock;
Snively, Osborne, Stoneberger, Dean,
Castner, Over, Notnagle, Green;
Jake Dunkle, Dibert, Stiffler, Nutt,
Hoenstine, Hershhiser, William Ott;
John Holderbaum, John Lutz and Scott,
Smith, Bertram, England and Malott.

Pickering, Deatrich, Hiram Rohm,
Rowland, Thomas, Westover, Crom;
Snydam, Russel, Zimmerman, White,
Alsip, Wheeler, Defibaugh, Hite;
Temple, Turner, Robinson, Hall,
Lund, Valentine, Hamilton, Duvall;
Moyer, Cobler, Mortimore, Kegg,
Martin, Corbin, McConnell, Craig.

Josiah Koontz, and John P. Reed,
Brandt, Shuman, Wagner, Fink and Mead;
George Cessna, Gordan, Nelson, Good,
Davis, Lee, John R. Dull and Wood;
Metzger, Heckerman, and Sam Hughes,
Gumbert, Mowery, Barber, Andrews.

Scott Stuckey, Griffin, Moorehead, Miles,
George Pennel, Sheehan, Walker, Wiles;
Harclerode, Marshall, Roberts, Werts,
Roudebush, Fowler, Walters, Swartz;
Hooverman, Notman, Lehman, Welsh,
Hillegass, Matthews, Hickle, Beltz;
Stevens, Heltzel, Hershberger, Noll,
Weaver, Dungan, Swartzwelter, Scholl.

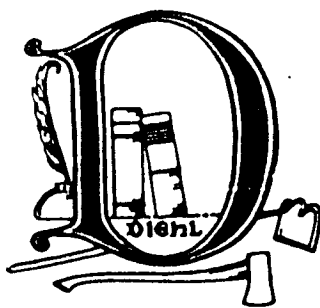
Bivans, Bunnell, Berkhimer, Beck,
George Ritchey, Roller, Riley, Peck;
John Snavelly, Palmer, Sibley, Fluke,
Woods, Bateman, Baxter, Adams, Cook;
Clark, Hunter, Major, Gephart, Long,
Boor, Banta, Bender, Sam Wysong;
Carl Fisher, Fringer, Cheney, Friend,
Right here these names in rhyme I'll end.

January 20, 1930.

OLD BEDFORD

Superbly nestled on the hills,
Where, after night, pipe Whip-poor-wills,
Is Old Fort Bedford's modern town,
Grown up through ages with renown,
Right on the banks of Raystown Branch,
Whose sparkling stream laves many'a ranch,
Then mingles with the Juniata Blue,
And rushes towards the ocean, too.

Upon the maps, 'tis Bedford, Pa.,
In stanzas here, I would portray;
Before the days of gas machines,
When I was barely in my Teens,
Right through the town we used to hike,
On Chambersburg and Pittsburgh pike,



NEW COAT-OF-ARMS

This is an age of love and peace.
When all the sounds of war shall cease;
When men in business or on farms
Should have a modern "coat of arms."
We boast no instrument of war—
Guns, swords, and bayonets abhor;
They all are implements of death,
Wholesale destroyers in one breath.

Two books, an inkwell, antique quill,
Suggest glad tidings of good will,
Wrought by the author's skillful pen
For women, children, and brave men.

Now obsolete, that old pen quill,
Reminds me of my boyhood, still,
When pens were made from wings of geese,
In times of cruel war and peace;
(Before steel pens came into use,
They used a feather from a goose).

The ax, a tool of mortal toil,
Removing forests from the soil,
And building cabins, fences, sheds,
Wheelbarrows, wagons, rugged sleds,
Portrays the hardy pioneer,
Who nobly worked with faith and cheer.

This garden hoe is forty-five,
Bought eighteen hundred eighty-five,
In Old Jim Lutz's hardware store,
For forty cents, no penny more;

Its bright sharp blade these decades through,
Has wrought in fields and gardens, too;
And will continue decades more,
Before its usefulness is o'er.
(Here is a farmer's Coat-of-Arms,
That could apply to many farms).
New Years, 1980.

DIEHL REUNION

Come Diehls, from mountain, glade and glen;
Assemble with us once again,
Within this grateful shaded wood,
That centuries has proudly stood,
A monument to Him on High,
Who rules all nations, earth and sky.

Forsake your strenuous tasks of toil,
In business, mart, or fertile soil;
And in the most fraternal way,
Unite your spirit here to-day,
To do your duty, man to man,
And honor our illustrious clan.

Invoke our Father's special grace,
Upon this hallowed meeting place,
And all the people here to-day,
Their worthy homage to repay,
To that revered ancestral tree,
Whose branches sheltered you and me.

As loyal patriots of yore,
Have often done with zeal before,
Sing loud: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee,"
With fervant voices tuned in glee,
Till hills and dales for miles around,
Will echo to the music's sound.

And as the years may come and go,
May these Reunions stronger grow,
Until the Diehls from coast to coast,
Assemble here, a mighty host,
To meet in one organic band,
From every section of our land.

—*Inquirer, Bedford, Pa.*

FRANK LEESE

A blacksmith, many years ago,
Concluded he would westward go,
And start a factory of his own,
Among the farmers, here alone;
When young, he learned a useful trade,
Where wagons, plows and sleds are made;
With tools, in iron, wood, and steel,
He could display superior skill.

Among the blacksmiths, miles around,
No better workman could be found;
Entrained from Pennsylvania,
He left the mountains, cold and gray,
One early, squally, raw March morn,
For Illinois, where grows tall corn;
Into Astoria he whirled,
To him almost a different world.

Within a local shop, twelve days,
His skill with tools received great praise;
He later leased from Henry Fitz,
His tools and shop for thirty bits;*
And sharpened harrow teeth and plows,
Made halter chains for calves and cows,
And mended things the farmer had,
That was in any measure "bad."

While other smiths sat in the shade,
A set of smithing tools Frank made;
Bought land and built a splendid shop,
Complete from foundation to the top;
Installed machinery up to date,
As good as any in the state;
And made wheelbarrows, plows and sleds,
Repaired and painted wagon beds.

Added to his enterprises more,
He established a country store,
And bought the farmers' surplus eggs,
Brought in with baskets or old kegs;
Sold peanuts, candies, calicoes,
Tinware, matches and garden hoes;
Rice and sugar, beans and cheese,
Balogna, crackers and canned peas.

About this time, Leeseburg, P. O.,
Began its life to thrive and grow,
Until the free mail rural route,
Closed its daily business out,
Then Frank was postmaster no more,
But still maintained his shop and store.
Our hero could invent and plan,
Do skillful work, an honest man;
And greatly helped the country-side,
O'er forty years, from far and wide.
April 8, 1930.

**.1 "bit" was a 12 1-2 cent silver coin in use
before the dime was coined, 75 years ago.*

IPAVA

Unknown in history and to fame,
We find this most exclusive name
Nowhere, but in the Postal Guide,
In lengthy columns, side by side,
Where alphabetically, we
Can read P. O.'s from A. to Z.
What are it's origin and age
That I may write them on this page?

Ipava is a prairie town
Unknown for great world-wide renown;
Consult the maps and gazetteers
Of all the long historic years,
In all the regions of the earth,
Since names of places had a birth,
And you are very sure to find
No Ipava of any kind,
Except this little town alone,
We proudly claim to be our own.

Oh, Ipava! If I could tell
Each careless creature how to spell,
So every living soul could read
Thy name with utmost ease and speed,
I'd realize that I had done
One kindly act beneath the sun!

--Tribune, Ipava, Ill.

April 15, 1927