

Saylor Family History



The Saylor family is one of the oldest families in Somerset County, having settled on Saylor Hill, overlooking Meyersdale, as early as 1772, and at that time they had already cleared several acres of land. The oldest record of the family we have is contained in a small German book printed in 1775, in which is mentioned a family of children born from 1706 to 1723. Two sons of this family, as far as we know came to America; just when we do not know. Daniel, born in 1708, was in Lancaster County as early as 1752. He later moved to Frederick County, Md., and reared a large family from which some very prominent men have sprung, one, who may be remembered by many of the older folks was Rev. Daniel P. Saylor, a bishop of the German Baptist, or "Dunkard," church, many years ago.

The Saylor family of Somerset County springs from one Jacob Saylor, born in 1715, and who was a minister of the society called "Mennonites", as stated in his will. This man reared a family of one son and three daughters, namely John, born 1740; Magdalena, Catherine, who married a Berkey, and Fannie, who married a Gnagey, who was evidently Christian Gnagey, the founder of the Gnagey family of Somerset County. Positive proof, however, is lacking at this time. Those three girls at present have been lost. The son, John, whose wife was Catherine Berkey, reared a large family as follows:

Magdalena, married Jacob Fahrney, this family has been lost.

Anna, married John Speicher, also lost.

Jacob, married Maria Leibundgut (Livengood) from whom a large family has descended.

John, married Barbara Blauch, from whom a large family has also descended.

Christian, died in infancy. ~~Fannie, married Pen George Thomas;~~

Fannie, married Herr Gorg Dampf; also lost trail of.

Catherine, married Jacob Blauch, from whom a very large family have descended, most of whom live in Conemaugh township and Cambria County.

Maria, married Abraham Miller, from whom also descended a large family.

Christian, the second child of the same name, also died, at the age of 9 years.

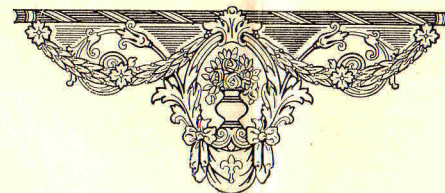
From those families have descended several thousand that are known, and from the six families which are lost several more thousand have likely descended, and it would be a source of gratification to the writer to receive information that would lead to the identification of those missing families.

It may here be stated that the Saylor family is of German origin, the original spelling being Seiler, which in the German means a rope-maker.

Jacob Saylor, the Somerset County, Pa., ancestor, was born at Ober-Mehringen, which is in the State or County of Nassau, in Southwestern Germany. There is a possibility that they also resided for a while in Switzerland, but originally they were from Germany, having emigrated to America, together with many more to escape persecution which was then very common in parts of Germany and France.

SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE
SAYLOR FAMILY
OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PA.



To Be Held at New Lexington, Pa.
Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1923

PROGRAM



10:00 to 12:00—Registration and getting acquainted.

Music by the Boys' Band of Meyersdale.

12:00—Lunch.

Music by the Boys' Band.

Singing.

Remarks by the President—W. H. Kretchman, Somerset.

History of the Saylor Family—Dr. E. C. Saylor, Berlin.

Talk by Nelson Saylor—New Lexington.

Dialogue—"Mr. and Mrs. Fido"—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoner, New Lexington.

Singing.

Talk—Dr. Bert F. Ober, Latrobe, Pa.

Reading—"Fannie and I"—Maud Saylor, New Lexington.

Talk—Rev Aaron Loucks, Scottdale, Pa.

Address—Attorney Tillman K. Saylor, Johnstown, Pa.

Reading—"As a Washerwoman Sees It"—Mrs. Frank Stoner, New Lexington.

Business Meeting.

Singing—"Blest Be the Tie".

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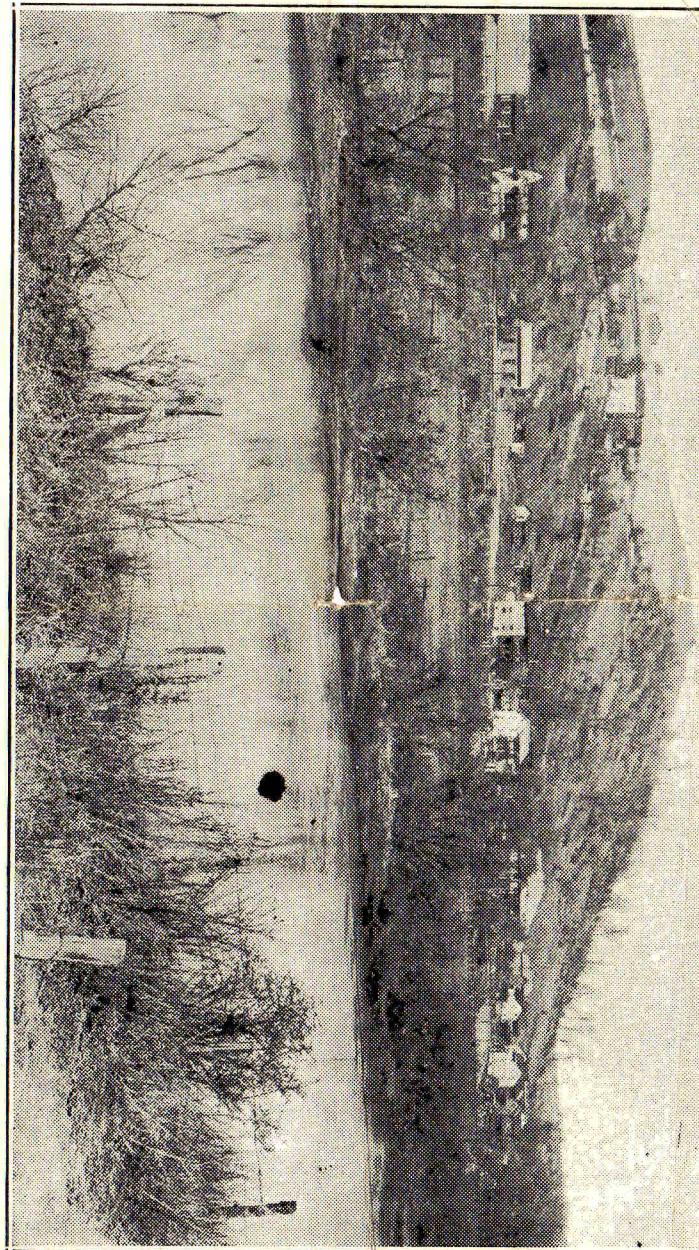
Nelson Saylor, New Lexington, Pa.

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It is earnestly requested that there be a good representation of all branches of the family present, namely, Saylor, Folk, Keim, Blanch or Blough, Miller, Flickinger, Fike and Thomas. All parties knowing themselves to be related to these families should make a special effort to be present. Good roads and a good time assured. Bring your baskets well filled.

Two of the "Three Hills" upon which the Pioneer Saylor Family First Located in Somerset County, Pa.



SAYLOR HILL—TRANS-MEYERSDALE

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