

# THE BRICKER FAMILY IN AMERICA,

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Recently there came into my possession a copy of the "Youngman Bible," printed in Reading, Pa., in the year 1805 by Gottlieb Youngman.

Evidently it was the family Bible and register of Jacob Bricker, who resided in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa. On one of the front leaves is a blank printed, filled out as follows:

"Diese Bibel  
ist gekauft worden in jahr unsen Herrn  
1810, den 14th April, und gehart mein."  
JACOB BRICKER.

The record further states that he was born December 25, 1785; died April 3, 1868. Other records of his family in German are, viz:

- i Peter, b. July 24, 1807.
- ii           b. August 6, 1812.
- iii Jacob, b. March 5, 1815; d. August 12, 1817.
- iv Samuel, b. October 16, 1818; d. September 19, 1831.
- v Martin, b. March 27, 1823; d. September 13, 1824.

The ancestor of Jacob Bricker was Peter Bricker, the emigrant, who came from Germany to America on the ship "Pink Plaisance," John Paret, master, landing at Philadelphia September 21, 1732. He was born in Germany in the year 1700, and was accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Christina, born in the year 1703, and the following children, Anna Barbara and Elizabeth.

Where he first located on his arrival in America is unknown, but he possibly located in one of the Lutheran settlements in the lower end of the State, as he was a communicant in that denomination. Nine years after his arrival in America he came to Lancas-

ter county, and settled on the east side of the Cocalico Creek in what is now East Cocalico township. In the year 1741 he obtained by patent from the proprietors of Pennsylvania a tract of between seven and eight hundred acres of land. Eighteen years later, the year 1759, he erected a large sand stone house on his plantation which is standing to-day, and it is said to be "as good as new." The house bears this inscription carved on a large sand stone which is not an unusual inscription on the buildings erected by our German ancestors a century and a half ago:

"Gott gesegne dises haus  
und alles da geget ein und aus;

Gott gesegne ale sampt  
und dar zu, das ganze lant

Gott alein die ehr, sonst keinem  
Manschen mehr. Anno 1759 Jahrs.

Peter Bricker, Elizabeth Brickerin."

The village of Brickerville in Elizabeth township was laid out by one of his descendants almost a century ago. Another of Peter's descendants removed to Cumberland county at the close of the last century and settled in the vicinity of Newville and afterward in Silver Spring township, where he erected a large grist mill.

It is to be regretted, that with this record further matter is unattainable to make a complete genealogical record of one of the early German Lutheran families in Pennsylvania, who gave so many descendants to the great race of "Pennsylvania Germans."

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