

## **More on “The Yeager Families of Slabtown”**

### **A response to last issue’s article by Kim Yeager-Holdren**

From David Klees

There is also a Jaeger/Yeager family at St. Jacob’s Church (“Red”, “Brick”, “Reed’s” Church) in Ralpho Twp., between Elysburg, Paxinos, and Snydertown. They descend from Conrad Jaeger (baptized 1765 Longswamp Reformed Church, Berks Co., son of Conrad Jaeger (1742-1808) and wife Maria Catharina Voegele (1745-1821), both buried Zion’s “Red” Lutheran Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike, Orwigsburg, PA) and wife Debora (baptized and confirmed as a married woman, 1791, Falkner Swamp Reformed, Montgomery Co.). Conrad’s and Debora’s daughter Sarah is baptized 1808 at Zion Lutheran, Orwigsburg. The last record which I have of both Conrad and Deborah is their taking communion in spring 1842 at St. Jacob’s, Ralpho Twp. Deborah’s maiden name might be Hunsinger, based on records of baptismal sponsors.



*The Conrad Jaeger gravestone*

Conrad’s and Debora’s son Conrad Yeager (1795-1853, baptized Falkner Swamp Reformed, Montgomery Co.) and his wife Elizabeth Reed (1774-1863), are buried at St. Jacob’s, Ralpho Twp. Thanks to two published articles (which I post on Conrad’s findagrave page) and the Northumberland County Orphans Court Dockets, I have linked most of Conrad’s (b. 1795) and Elizabeth’s children on findagrave.com.

For the rest of Conrad’s (b. 1765) and Debora’s children, I have only tantalizing tidbits of information.

I descend from James Stephens (1793-1857) and wife Mary Yeager (1797-1872), who are buried at Dreherstown in Schuylkill Co. “Yeager” is on James’ tombstone. Their marriage is recorded in the Sunbury “Northumberland Republicaner” newspaper, May 17, 1816; both are from

“Schamokin.” Another couple, Jonathan Kirschner and Elisabeth Jaeger from “Schamokin,” are in the same marriage notice with them. I have good circumstantial evidence, but not definitive proof, that my ancestor Mary (Yeager) Stephens is the daughter of Conrad (b. 1765) and Debora Yeager.

For anyone who is researching Yeager from Slabtown, a Yeager family from Shamokin, Elysburg, etc., might go back to St. Jacob’s rather than Slabtown.

I am happy to hear from any of my Yeager cousins or potential Yeager cousins. (I seem to have very few family connections with Slabtown Yeager family, even though there are tombstones for 20 of my ancestors in the two Numidia cemeteries, with certainly at least 10 more of my ancestors there in unmarked graves.)