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Excerpted from *History of Lancaster County* by Dr. Frederick Klein, 1924.

Leacock Township: Home of the Ebys

Leacock township was one of the original township divisions of Lancaster County, having been delineated at the first meeting of magistrates after the separation of Lancaster from Chester county in 1729. Leacock is said to have been called after a place in Ireland, but the exact spot has remained unidentified.

The township boundaries: "...beginning at the mouth of Beaver creek, thence up the east side of Pequea to Philip Fiere's lower corner, then west by Lampeter township to Conestoga creek at the upper corner of George Bard's land, thence up said creek to Peters' road (the one that goes by the Eby homestead, sic), thence easterly along the said road by Earl township to David Cowen's land, thence southerly and westerly by Salisbury, Sadsbury and Martick townships to the place of beginning."

It is difficult to name the first settler in Leacock township. Hattil Varman (Hatwell Varnon, or Vernon) is said to have been the first. However, he did not settle until 1728, it appears. One of the earliest State lists is that of 1782. The following names for assessment as Leacock township residents in that year: Mathias Alt, Andrew Baer, Balsor Besore, John Bair, David Bair,

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Mark your Calendar: Saturday, May 29th is the Eby Family Reunion

This year's Eby Family Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, May 29th from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Overly's Grove in New Holland, PA.

The family's tradition of good fellowship and a tasty potluck lunch featuring local favorites will continue. After lunch, we'll have a family meeting including the election of officers and awarding of special prizes for the oldest, youngest and those who've traveled the farthest.

We sincerely invite you to join us. You can expect to see family from all over the U.S. (including, we hear, the Coles from Texas. Potluck contributions are welcome (and heartily encouraged).

In addition, help with set-up, serving, entertainment and clean-up is always greatly appreciated. Please contact Margaret Eby, Reunion Chairperson, at (717) 768-7271 or royeby@aol.com if you have questions or would like to help. See page 7 for more information.

Wanted:

Eby Family Volunteers

The Eby Family Association is looking for a few good men & women to serve as association leaders. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Reunion Chairperson. Call or see Christian Eaby at (717) 656-2626

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Leacock Township (cont.)

Hy. Bair, Philip Bard (George Bard's Land is referred to above), Francis Buckwalter, Peter Baker, Moses Brinton, Hy. Bigart, Martin Bair., Jacob Bair (relatives of Catharine?), James Crawford, Andrew Caldwell, James Cooper, James Clemson, Wm. Clark, Brice Clark, Wm. Craighton, Abram Curtz, George Ecker, Peter Ecker, **John Eby, Abram Eby, Peter Eby, Jacob Eby**, Benj. Erwin, Isaac Free, Jacob Free, Erman Free, Widow Fullerton, Jacob Gerber, Michael Gerber, Peter Gerber, John Gerber, Abram Gibbons, Martin Hiller, Michael Hess, Elias Hillar, John Henry, John Hillar, Wm. Huston, William Hamilton, Sr., Daniel Herbert, Jacob Hillar, Peter Hildebrand, James Hamilton, Hy. Hartman, Hy. Martin, James Hamilton, Abram Jons, Jacob Jons, John Jons (probably Jones), James Knox, John Kilheffer, Hy. Line, Thomas Lyon, Smi. Lyle, Geo. Lirue, David Line, Adam Leitner, John Leitner, Abram Myers, Jacob Myers, Christian Myers, Adam Miller, Andrew Maxwell, Martin Maxwell, Sr., John Maxwell, Martin Maxwell, Jr., Matthew McClung, Sr., Matthew McClung, Jr., Ester McCausland, David Painter, Wm. Porter, Thos. Pinkerton, John Painter, Jacob Pecher, Isaac Rife, David Rife, Hy. Ritter, Wm. Rutter, Jos. Rutter, John Rowland, John Rush, Catharine Rutter, John Sensinich, George Seldenrich, Jacob Snibly, Jacob Shearer, Daniel Swobe, Adam Swobe, Hy. Swobe, Jacob Swobe, Samuel Smith, Michael Shellebarger, Hy. Shively, Peter Sharp, Robert Stewart, George Stewart, James Scott, Jacob Stoner, Thomas Skiles, Harman Stiles, Wm. Skiles, Sr., Wm. Skiles, Jr., John Torbet, Leonard Tiller, Catharine Vankenon, Benj. Vernor, Michael Widler, Wm. Whitehill, Wm. Wallace, Stophel Weaver, Sr., Stophel Weaver, Jr., Henry Wenger, David Watson, Adam Woods, Thomas Woods, John Wilson, John Walter, Jones Yoner, Robert Young, Paul Zantzinger.

Among these, there were at least eighteen Negro slaves with the following residents taxed for this property: Andrew Baer, Andrew Caldwell, Brice Clark, Isaac Free, Jacob Free, James Knox, William Porter, John Torbet, David Watson, Adam Woods and John Wilson.

The millers at that time were George Ecker, Peter Ecker, **Abram Eby**, Jacob Pecher and Henry Shively. **Eby owned a hemp and flax mill.**

Along the south side of the old Philadelphia – Lancaster road in Intercourse, Jacob and Joseph Wenger erected the first store building in 1833. Jacob Wenger operated a general store in this brick building for many years. **Moses Eby eventually became the owner**, and enlarged the store, in which he carried on mercantile business for many years. The store was destroyed by fire in 1882, but soon afterwards rebuilt, again of brick, and by Mr. Eby, Jason K. Eby, son of Moses, continued the business for more than thirty years, and Mrs. Jason K. Eby owned it at the writing of this book.

Early Gordonville also felt the influence of the Eby kin. To start, the land west of the railway route belonged to Christian Hershey, whose family name appears upon the earliest tax-list of which there is record, that for the year 1718; and a Christian Hershey is of even earlier record in the Conestogo country, so that Gordonville may be considered to have been settled almost as early as possible.

The first dwelling was erected by Daniel Gordon circa 1832 and supplemented with a warehouse and storehouse in 1836. The storehouse was operated by William Manahan from 1836 to 1839. Amos Hershey bought the store in 1864 and has held it ever since along with a coal and lumber business. In 1872, after a fire destroyed the machine shops of the Witmer Company, Mr. Hershey acquired all of the property on the western side of the railroad.

The 1844 election brought in the first board of school directors in Leacock township. They included Thomas S. Woods, John L. Lightner, **Christian Eby**, Andrew Dunlap, Christian Beiler and William P. Michael. Their first order of business was contracting for seven new frame schoolhouses.

Eby Family Bits & Pieces

George and Dieter Newman have finished their eagerly awaited new Aebi-Eby genealogy book. It's being offered for \$65 and can be ordered online (www.EbyBook.com) or at NMN Enterprises Ltd.; PO Box 10; Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

Barnes & Noble's online bookstore is carrying a book titled *Buckeye Blood: Ohio at Gettysburg* that includes a picture of Private Isaac Eby, Co. G, Ohio Volunteers.

The Record of Kitchener Ontario had a recent welcome for Sarah Riley Eby, born March 21, 2004 to Ben and Steph Eby. She arrived at 3:15 PM, weighing 7 lb. 3 oz. Proud grandparents are Pat & Brad Eby and Don & Gail Brown.

A skull found near Kennedy Falls on Mt. Seymour in Vancouver has been identified as that of Stephen Loring Eby who disappeared in a storm 10 years ago while hiking.

O b i t u a r i e s

Abee Branch:

Lillian C. Abee nee Kinseth, October 25, 2003 in Albert Lea, at the age of 87. Born Dec. 21, 1915 in Conger. Married to Ernest C. Abbe (?-1990) on September 12, 1940. Survived by daughter Suzanne.

Carl Abee, November 24, 2003, at age of 88 in NC (near Stokesdale). Born March 21, 1915 of Charles & Agnes Ruhrlapper Abbe in Brooklyn, NY. Survived by son Carl F. Abbe (married to Diane) of Greensboro, NC and daughter Carol A. Pulice (married Salvatore) of Long Island, NY and grandchildren Kenny Abbe, Kelly Abbe and Vinny Franco.

Marjorie Jeanette Mary Abbe nee Webber, January 17, 2004 of lung/brain cancer, in Lynden, WA. Born May 30, 1939 in Ioco, British Columbia of Edward and Maisie Webber. Survived by husband Roger (married on November 1, 1959 in Garden Grove, CA), son Curtis and daughter-in-law Monica of Garden Grove, CA; daughter Kimberly Anne Johnson (married David) and granddaughter Tracey Anne Johnson of Portland, OR; brother Fred Webber of Kelowna, BC, Robert Webber of Surrey, BC and Gordon Webber of Coquitlam, BC.

Abbey Branch:

Aaron M. Abbey, October 21, 2003, in Washington, DC. Survived by Sharon Abbey, four grandchildren, four brothers, seven sisters, four sisters-in-law; four brothers-in law.

Chester A. Abbey, November 27, 2003, in Merrimack, NH. Born November 19, 1928 in Barre, VT of Robert C. and Helen Warren Abbey. Served in US Army from 1947 – 1953 (active duty) and 1953 – 1971 (active reserves), including in the Korean War. Retired as Major. Resided in Montpelier, VT; Manchester, NH; Southington, CT; South Walpole, MA and Bermuda. Survived by wife Marion G. (Coburn) of Litchfield, son Darryl (married to Gail) and their children Alexander and Margaret of Holliston, MA; daughter Linda Sarapalli (married to Cedric) of Norwood, MA; brother Clifton Abbey of Goose Creek, SC; brother Roger Abbey of Riverside, CA and sister Joyce LeBlanc of Barre, VT.

Donald Sam Abbey, December 17, 2003, at age of 80 in Pilot Point, TX. Born December 31, 1922 of Roy and Lillie Dustin Abbey. Married Hazel Belcher on October 19, 1946 in Krum, TX. Served in US Army. Survivors include his wife, son Kerrel Sam Abbey of Wilmington, DE; son Joe Allen Abbey of Tioga, TX; daughter Susan Pasquini of Corvallis, OR; brother Pete Abbey of Phoenix, AZ; brother Joe Abbey of Denton, TX; sister Dorothy Karam of Scottsdale, AZ; sister Peggy Brown of Santa Rosa Beach, FL and sister Betty Abbey of Keller, Tx. Also seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Abbey Branch (cont.):

Joshua Michael Abbey, December 27, 2003, aged 3 months in Salisbury, NC. Born September 16, 2003 in Cabarrus County, NC of Christafer Paul and Amanda Beth Hager Abbey. Survivors include his parents; sisters Kelsey and Desirae Abbey and Michelle Luffman; grandparents Ron and Patricia Abbey; grandmother Beth Dunlap (Salisbury) and grandfather Earl William Hager; paternal great-grandmother, Margaret Draper; and maternal great-grandparents Tim and Barbara Hager and Lloyd and Jane Mesimer.

William Kenneth (Ken) Abbey, Sr., February 15, 2004, aged 62 in Florence, AZ. Born to William and Virginia Abbey. Married Joan (Jodie) on September 5, 1966 in Tucson, AZ. Drafted by US Army for Vietnam War, returning in 1969. Survived by wife; son Kenny Abbey Jr.; daughter Katie Bahme (married to Brandon); daughter Melissa Molina (married to Jose), all of Florence, AZ; brother Daniel D. Abbey of San Diego, CA; Judge J.M. Abbey of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren Blake Abbey, Jase Molina, Jaden Molina, Aubriana Abbey, Kortney Bahme and Korey Bahme.

Ruth Abbey, March 17, 2004, at the age of 85 in Ottawa. Married to J.E. Erne Abbey. Survived by daughter Nancy Avery (married to Bruce); Carol Way (married to Allan); Jay Abbey (married to April); grandchildren Todd Avery, Robyn Way, Jasmine Abbey and Dylan Abbey.

Eldred Abbey, April 2, 2004, aged 82 in Jamestown, NY. Born August 5, 1921 of Ward and Lucy Arnold Abbey in Onoville, NY. US Army veteran of World War II. Predeceased by wife Betty Morton Abbey; brothers Herbert, Stanley, Wesley and Clayton Abbey; sisters Lillian Niles, Addie Jones, Bessie Blood, Mable Larson and Gertrude Marsh.

Abe Branch:

Steven Wayne Abe of Paw Paw, WV, December 14, 2003, at the age of 57 in Cumberland, MD. Born January 26, 1946 in Bethel, WV of Ashby P. and Katherine B. Davis Abe. Served as a Specialist 5 in US Army between 1966 and 1969. Married Darlene Hooh Abe on March 11, 1966. Survived by wife, sons Steven W. Abe and Jay Todd Abe; sisters Helen Allen of Pin Oak, WV and Leona Simms of Morgantown, WV; and three grandchildren.

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Share Your Stories

Newsletter contributions of ancestor questions, obituaries, interesting facts and stories are gratefully accepted. To submit yours, please contact Lynne Hagan:

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2004 Eby Family Reunion

Date: May 29, 2004
Time: 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Place: Overly's Grove
New Holland, PA
Food: Potluck Lunch featuring
Pennsylvania Dutch favorites;
Please bring your specialty.
Activities: Picnic social, family meeting
and prizes for youngest,
oldest, traveled farthest

Eby Family Association

Eby Family News is produced by and for members of the Eby Family Association. The Association is open to descendants of Theodorus Eby (Durst Aebi) and anyone else interested in Eby Family history.

Eby Family Association Address

P.O. Box 292; New Holland, PA 17557

Internet Sites:

<http://www.ebyfamily.org>

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/q/u/a/B-D-Quast>

<http://www.ristenbatt.com/genealogy/ebyplot.htm>

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/p/o/p/Michele-Popovich>

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Family Research

We are, unfortunately, unable to do genealogical or family research. Family links and research can be found at the Web sites listed above. In addition, we will be glad to post your research questions, on a first come, first serve basis in the "Searching for Roots" section.

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Obituaries (cont.)

Abee Branch:

Roy Howard Abee Sr. of Lumpkin, GA, June 3, 2003, in Dahlonge, GA. Born May 19, 1923 in Dahlonge, GA of Fred and Emma Barrett Abee. US Army World War II veteran. Married Mae Stargel Abee. Survived by daughter Barbara Saxton (married Douglas) of Gainesville; son Jerry Abee (married Brenda); son Roy Abee Jr., all of Dahlonge; grandchildren Kim Abee (Atlanta), Chris and Amy Saxton, Angela Saxton (all of Macon, GA); grandson Keith Abee (Dahlonge); Eric Saxton (Athens); sisters Iola Daniel (Tucker, GA), Christine White (Lilburn, GA), Dorris Abee, Bobbie Miller, and Bonnell Robinson (all of Cleveland); brothers Charles Abee, James E. Abee, George Abee (all of Dawsonville, GA); Fred Abee Jr. (Fayetteville); Morris Abee (CA); Christopher Abee (Canton); Herbert Abee (Dahlonge).

Russell Blair Abee Sr., December 14, 2003, in Hickory, NC. Architect. Born June 12, 1918 of Solomon L. and Lillie Alice Seitz Abee. US Navy World II veteran. Served as ground instrument instructor for US Navy Air Corp. Also worked with US Army Engineering Corp. Preceded in death by son Brian Abee and brothers Ken and Jack Abee. Survived by wife of 55 years, Ethel Dugas Abee; son Balir (wife Lynne); son Steward (wife Joan) of Hickory, NC; daughter Rita Abee Bolick (husband Leonard) of Salisbury; son Craig (wife Ginny) of Boiling Springs, SC; nine grandchildren: Justin Abee of Savannah, GA; Joseph Bolick of Columbia, SC; Sarah Bolick of Salisbury; Miranda Abee of Hickory; Greg Abee of Boone; Isaac Abee of Boiling Springs; Hannah Abee of Boiling Springs; Ivan Siebel of Canaberra, Australia; and Adam Setzer of Chapel Hill; brother Carroll Abee; sister Miriam Majors (husband Oliver) of Roanoke, VA; sister Millie Heavner of Hickory.

Jeff Allen Abee, December 21, 2003, aged 34 of Newton, NC. Born June 4, 1969 in Catawba County of Allen and Nancy Abee. Survived by wife Salley Shrader Abee; son William Danny Harkey Jr. of Newton; daughter Kara Marie Abee; daughter Tiffany Ann Abee; parents; sister Pamela Abee Church of Hickory; granddaughter Brianna Nicole Harkey of Newton.

D. Carroll Abee Sr., December 27, 2003, in Newton, NC at the age of 93. Architect. Born March 28, 1910 to Solomon Lafayette and Lily Alice Seitz Abee of Catawba County. Preceded in death by first wife Pauline Brittain Abee; second wife Thelma McKinny Sparks Abee; brothers Russell B. Abee; Malcome (Jack) Abee and Kenneth L. Abee. Survived by son Dallas Carroll Abee, Jr. (wife Judy) of Hickory; daughter Donna Abee Counts (husband Reverend Dr. Edward L. Counts) of Charleston, SC; grandsons Scott Counts (Chicago, IL); Bryan Counts (Charleston, SC) and Derek Counts (Milwaukee, WI); granddaughters Ahley Cara Abee Ahern (Greensboro) and Allison Abee Jolly (Tampa, FL); sisters Mildred Abee Heavner (Hickory) and Miriam Abee Majors (Roanoke, VA).

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Abee Branch (cont.):

Peggy Lois Holbrook Abee, January 1, 2004, aged 66 in Newton, NC. Born August 23, 1937 of James Roby Holbrook Sr. and Mary Jane Heaton Holbrook. Preceded by husband William Maynard Abee; sisters Margaret Bond and Shirley Lackey; brothers William Holbrook, James R. Holbrook, Johnny D. Holbrook and Tommy Holbrook. Survived by daughter Patricia Dugger (husband Sam) of Newton; sons Maynard Abee Jr.; Nathan Abee and Mark Abee (all of Newton); grandchildren Matt Abee, Amanda Miller, Elena Stines and Heather Gilbert; great-grandchildren Emerson Stines Jr., Adam Stines and Chandler Miller.

Richard Olin Abee, December 31, 2003, in Winston-Salem, NC. Born August 10, 1946 in Burke County to Terel and Pauline Franklin Abee. Survived by wife Nancy McClellan Abee; son Michael Abee; daughter Teresa Brock (husband William) of Roam Mountain, TN; brothers Larry Gene Abee (wife Debbie) of Morganton and Danny Terel Abee of Vale; and sister Myrtle Lee Swink (husband Harold) of Morganton.

Albert Lee Abee, January 18, 2004, of Gastonia, NC in Charlotte. Born May 4, 1939 in Whitmire, SC of Floyd Lee and Pearl Shields Abee.

Richard Harold Abee, February 4, 2004, aged 70 in Arden, NC. Born April 22, 1944 in Burke County, NC of Otis H. and Bertha Long Abee. US Navy Korean War veteran. Worked for Delta Airlines for 25 years. Survived by sister Muriel Beam of Asheville and nephew Bryan Beam of Columbus, OH.

Linda Carol Abee, February 13, 2004, in Morganton, NC. Survived by husband Jimmy L. Abee Jr.; daughters Michelle Fisher and Shron Owensby, both of Morganton; brother Aaron Pierson, Jr. of Morganton; sisters Barbara Sherlock and Sharon Causby, both of Connelly Springs; grandchildren Elizabeth and Emily Fisher and Mary and Maddie Owensby.

Troy Edward Abee, March 11, 2003, in Connelly Springs, NC. Born November 23, 1927 in Burke County to John R. and Ada Brittain Abee of Connelly Springs. Survived by Eula Brittain Abee; sons Don Abee (wife Paula) and Gene Abee (wife Debra), all of Connelly Springs, James Andrew Abee (wife Terry) of Spartanburg, SC; daughters Anyth Mace (husband Ronnie) of Morganton, Marie Speagle (husband Roger) of Connelly Springs; brothers Leroy Abee (wife Velva) of Morganton, Leonard Abee (wife Blaka), Robert Abee (wife Kay) and Howard Abee (wife Linda), all of Connelly Springs; sisters Verna Lowman (husband Edward) and Earlene Newton, all of Connelly Springs; Norma Cline (husband Pete) of Hickory; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

Eby Branch:

Eleanor Margaret Betty Eby nee Harris, December 14, 2003, at Sidney, BC. Born in 1923 in Edmonton. Survived by husband Bruce; daughters Collie and Pat, son-in-law Felix; granddaughter Shayla. Served in Wrens during war.

Dutch Currant Cake

The following recipe is a bit ambiguous, but excellent. I'll bring some along to the reunion.

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar
1 cup butter
1 cup currants
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
4 eggs
1 cup milk
4 ½ cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon grated nutmeg

Mix butter, sugar and eggs. Add nutmeg and cinnamon. Sift cream of tartar into flour. Add milk and flour alternately. Dissolve baking soda in a bit of water. Add with currants to floured mix. Add egg whites. Bake slowly in medium hot oven.

Source: Pennsylvania Dutch Recipes on [www.horseshoe .cc](http://www.horseshoe.cc)

How to Share Your Favorite Recipes

Share your favorite recipes with Eby family and friends. Send them to Lynne Hagan, Editor, Eby Family News via:
Email: lynne@interactmarketing.us
Mail: 138 Sunset Lane; Tenafly, NJ 07670

Obituaries (Cont.)

Lorna S. Eby nee Smith, December 21, 2003, of Whitefish Bay, aged 80. Preceded by husband Lee G. Eby, MD. Survived by sons Thomas Eby (wife Mary O'Donoighue), James Eby and daughter Patricia Eby (husband Timothy Schneider); grandchildren Margaret, Brendan, Conor, Derek, Fiona, Sinead, Kyle and Matthew.

Earle C. Eby III, January 2, 2004, of San Jose, CA, aged 54.

Norma Crews Eby, January 7, 2004, in Olympia, WA. Born April 24, 1916 in Seattle, WA of Norman and Carrie Crews. Married John E. Eby on June 17, 1939. Preceded by parents, husband, brothers Frank Crews (wife Jeanne) and Arthur Crews (wife Edna). Survived by daughter Janet N. Norris of Yelm; son Leon N. Eby of Auburn; grandson Leon John Eby (US Navy); nieces Carolyn Howard (husband Mike) of Bothell and Dian DeLaCruz (husband Max) of Redmond.

NOTE: Balance of Eby Branch obituaries, as well as any other received, will be included in next newsletter if room allows.

PLEASE JOIN US

THE EBY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

By and for the descendents of Theodorus Eby (Durst Aebi)

On May 2, 1992, fourteen people met in the *stube* of the original Eby House (thought to have been built in 1727) where Theodorus lived in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and formed the Eby Family Association. If you are a descendent of Theodorus, who was the first member of the family to come to America, we hope you will join with us. It is believed that Theodorus died in 1727 before Lancaster County was formed out of Chester County. We have grown to over 450 families on the mailing list. But whether or not you are a descendent, we want everyone who is interested in preserving the memory of Theodorus and the Eby Family to join with us. We have several projects underway or completed that have helped to preserve our family history. These include:

* **Restoring the Eby Family Graveyard.** The original family graveyard where Theodorus is believed to be buried is located south of New Holland. We have restored the graveyard and erected a fence to protect the area. We repaired an original remaining stone and installed a memorial stone to mark the burial of Theodorus and others who we believe were buried there. We also need volunteers to help with the annual care of the graveyard. If interested in helping, call George Eaby at (717) 394-6758.

* **Restoring the Eby Family Bible.** The Bible was printed in 1596 and is in the possession of the Lancaster County Historical Society. It was deteriorating badly, and in need of expensive professional restoration. The Bible has been returned from restoration, and we paid the costs for the expense of the preservation of the family Bible, which was completed in 1996 for the 400th anniversary of the Bible.

* We publish an **Eby Family Newsletter** on an occasional basis. This lets everyone know what the family association and our members are doing, and encourages research into and preservation of the history of the Eby Family. Our mailing list has grown to over 450. Your letters and articles are welcome. Call Lynne Hagan (201) 568-8438 .

* We have an **Annual Reunion** and meeting of the Association on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the end of May each year. It is held in the New Holland area near where Theodorus built his house and where he is buried. Call Margaret Eby (717) 768-7271 about the pot luck covered dish luncheon.

* We are on the **Internet**. Dawn Eby Quast of British Columbia maintains a web site for family research. You can reach her site at www.familytreemaker.com/users/q/u/a/B-D-Quast. Also see our website www.ebyfamily.org.

I want to join the Eby Family Association. Enclosed are my dues of \$15 per year per household. I am also enclosing an additional donation of \$_____ for the extra expenses for the projects above. Membership is free to those who cannot afford the regular dues. We need volunteers to help us make the activities of the association successful and so we can offer more for our members. Volunteer. Please, help us!

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Send this form and your payment made out to the Eby Family Association to:

**Eby Family Association c/o Marty Hollinger
Post Office Box 347
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

(717) 653-8150

For more information you can call President Christian Earl Eaby at (717) 393-2544.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
2004
EBY FAMILY REUNION

Join us for food, family, fun and friendship.

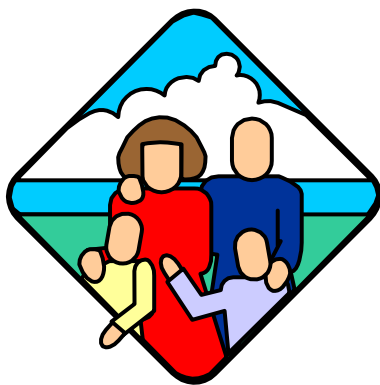
**2004 will be the 13th annual reunion and meeting of the
Eby Family Association. Be there !!!!!**

Please, join us over Memorial Day Weekend in 2004. We will have a pot luck covered dish luncheon on Saturday. Renew friendships with distant family members, elect officers, make plans for the next year, and hear reports on our activities, such as the restoration of the Eby graveyard where our first family member, Theodorus Eby, was buried in 1727, the restoration of the 1596 Eby Family Bible, and other projects.

For the seventh time we are having the reunion at this beautiful family picnic area. Children are welcome. In past years we have had more than 100 people from more than fifteen states and Canada. For more information on the reunion and the luncheon, call Margaret Eby at (717) 768-7271. Go to our web site for information - www.ebyfamily.org.

WHEN AND WHERE

SATURDAY - MAY 29, 2004 - 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM
OVERLY'S GROVE FAMILY PICNIC AREA
OVERLY'S GROVE ROAD
NEW HOLLAND, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA



Directions: From Main Street (Route 23) in New Holland, go south on Kinzer Avenue to the stop sign, then turn right and follow Kinzer Ave. until it bears to the left and becomes Overly's Grove Road. It is about 2.5 miles until you come to Overly's Grove in the trees on the right. There is a playground for children, volleyball, basketball, baseball, shade trees, a picnic area and an indoor pavilion. Children are welcome. There will be presentations about our projects, prizes and games. It is near the Eby House and the graveyard. Volunteers are needed.

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Extracted and Excerpted from *Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore* by Elmer L. Smith (Applied Arts Publishers, Lebanon, PA, 1960).

Pow Wow Practices

In the past many superstitious Pennsylvania Germans believed in Pow-wow practices and in the “hex.” Almost every community had a “hex” doctor or pow-wow man who possessed special knowledge and magical power. Three books had a great influence on these superstitious people, one titled, *Egyptian Secrets* or *White and Black Art for Man and Beast* by Albertus Magnus is a centuries old source of suggested techniques for cures of sickness, obtaining holding powers over other people and other methods of gaining objectives by unique practices. *6th and 7th Books of Moses* or *Moses’ Magical Spirit-Art*, was another popular source of superstitious practice which offered magical marks, seals, amulets and symbols. In 1819, John G. Hohman published a booklet in Berks County titled, *“Long Lost Friends or Pow-Wows”* in which the author promised:

“I, Hohman, hereby swear and attest that whosoever shall use my secrets shall be safe from all his enemies, visible and invisible and whosoever shall follow the secrets revealed in my book and apply them should surely be able to obtain success, good fortune, and prosperity.”

The author further assured the reader that “whosoever carries the book with him would be protected from drowning, burning, and would avoid any unjust sentence passed upon him.”

Some of the most interesting remedies and cures offered by Hohman are:

To stop pains in a wound: Cut three small twigs from a tree, each to be cut off in one cut. Rub one end of each twig in the wound, and wrap them separately in a piece of white paper, and put them in a warm and dry place.

A remedy for toothache: Stir the sore teeth with a needle until it draws blood; then take a thread and soak it with this blood. Then take vinegar and flour, mix them well so as to form a paste and spread on a cloth; then wrap this cloth around the root of an apple tree, and tie it very close with the above thread, after which the root must be well covered with ground.

To win every game one engages in: Tie the heart of a bat with a red silken string to the right hand, and you will win every game of cards you play. (That is if you can find anyone to play with you! – Editor)

To relieve horses or cattle from being haunted: Take a left-hand glove of a woman afflicted with rheumatism in the right arm, steep it in fresh water, and allow the animals to drink thereof.

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