

## MORAVIAN BRETHREN FROM BOHEMIA, MORAVIA AND SILESIA: THEIR ARRIVAL AND SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA

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The Moravian Brethren were the followers of the teachings of the Czech religious reformer and martyr John Hus and the true heirs of the Bohemian Brethren who found temporary refuge in Moravia and later in Herrnhut, Lusatia, Saxony under the patronage of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700–1760). Because of the worsening political and religious situation, the Brethren had to subsequently seek more permanent home and new territory where they could exercise their religious rights and expand their missionary activities. The North American continent with the abundant fertile land and with its large Indian population was ideally suited for their aims.

After the initial visits to St. Thomas in 1732 and Greenland in 1733, ten selected Brethren sailed in November 1734 to the English Province of Georgia for the purpose of colonization. In the summer of the same year, a reinforcement followed, under the leadership of Bishop David Nitschmann (1696–1772).

Despite their efforts, the Moravians did not find Georgia ideal for their religious pursuits and the majority decided in 1740 to leave for Pennsylvania which offered better conditions. All subsequent migrations of the Moravian Brethren from Europe were directed to Pennsylvania, the board of entry usually being Philadelphia or the New York Harbor. The immigration peak fell in the interval between 1742 and 1767.

Following closely after the purchases of land of the Church in the present Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1741, two colonies were organized in Europe, known as the "First" and "Second Sea Congregation," followed by four others, bearing the name of "John Nitschmann," "Gottlieb Pezold," "Henry Jorde," and "Gottlob Konigsdorfer."

The colonies were brought by one of the four vessels, owned by the Church, namely the "Catherine," "Little Strength," "Irene," or "Hope," which were afloat at different dates within the referenced twenty-five year period.

There is a common perception that the native Moravians or Bohemians constituted but a minute percentage of the Brethren who immigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. The evidence presented in this paper contradicts this point of view. The generally German forms of names common in Silesia and Lusatia are noteworthy; this allows us to infer that they are connected with Herrnhuter, organized by Count Zinzendorf.

The present paper reports on the identity of some two hundred Moravian Brethren who immigrated to America from the historic Czech Lands, which is not an in-

significant number by any means. At the time of Moravian migration, the Kingdom of Bohemia comprised Bohemia, Moravia, and the entire Silesia and up to the midst of the seventeenth century the Lands of the Bohemian Crown also included Lusatia. During the period of the intense persecution of Bohemian Brethren, after the tragic Battle of the White Mountain in 1620, thousands of Brethren found refuge in Silesia, as well as Lusatia. For these reasons we have included Silesia and Lusatia in our survey.

The identity of the Brethren has been authenticated by comparing the existing passenger lists with the lists of exiles from the Czech Lands as well as with various records of the Moravian Church.

Specific individuals are listed in order of their arrival in America, under the name of the ship (if known), which brought them to the American shores. Whenever available, vital data have been provided for individual immigrants, together with their occupation and with information on where they settled and where they were buried. The numbers in parentheses refer to the numbered entries in Neisser's List of Emigrants and/or to a page in the relevant burial book\*.

### *Moravian Brethren from the Historic Czech Lands in Order of their Arrival in America*

September 22, 1734, "St. Andrew," arrived at Philadelphia, PA:

George Boehnisch (1695-1772), Elder of the Brethren, from Kunín, Moravia; brother of Matthew Boehnisch; led the second group of Schwenkfelders to America who settled in Towamensing twp., Montgomery C., near Philadelphia; he returned to Europe in 1737 (N112).

#### \* Explanatory Notes:

N = Neisser's *List of the Bohemian and Moravian Emigrants in Saxony* (number refers to the entry in Neisser's List)

BC = Bethlehem Cemetery (number refers to a page in Augustus Schultze's burial book)

LC = Lititz Cemetery (number refers to a page number in A. R. Beck's burial book)

NC = Nazareth Cemetery (number refers to E. T. Kluge's burial book)

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*March 22, 1735, "Two Brothers" (Capt. Thompson), landed at Savannah, GA:*

Gotthard Demuth (? -1744), a cabinet- and watchmaker, from Karlov, Moravia; settled in Germantown, PA in 1737 (N413, BC114).

Gottfried Haberecht (1700-1767), a tailor, from Schoenheide, Silesia; settled in Germantown, PA (1737); in 1743 moved to Bethlehem; served as a missionary, in 1754 went to Jamaica, W. I.; is buried at Nazareth, PA (NC101).

George Haberland (? - 1737), a missionary, from Šenov, Moravia; a son of Michael Haberland; deceased at Savannah, GA (N266).

Michael Haberland (1698-1782), from Šenov, Moravia; son of Michael Haberland; returned to Europe in 1740; came back to America in 1749 and died at Bethlehem, PA (N232, BC104).

Frederick Riedel (?-1735), from Žilina, Moravia; deceased at Savannah, GA (N17).

Peter Rosa (?-1740), a missionary, from Bohemia; settled in Germantown, PA (1739), where he died (N490, BC134).

Anton Seyffert (1712-1785), a carpenter, from Lipka, Bohemia; was ordained minister in Georgia - the first Brethren's settlement in America - by Bishop David Nitschmann on February 28, 1736; in 1740 went to Pennsylvania; later returned to Europe to serve the Church in England and Holland; he is buried in Zeist (N400).

John Toeltschig (1703/7-1777), a gardener, from Suchdol, Moravia, son of hereditary judge; returned to Europe (1738); was ordained Deacon and Elder (1742); until 1748 was pastor in London, Yorkshire, Bristol, Ireland, and Fulneck; died in Dublin (N26).

George Waschke (?-?), a carpenter, from Kunín, Moravia; son of Anna Waschke; settled in Germantown, PA in 1737 (N183).

*February 16, 1736, the "Simmonds" (Captain Frank Cornish), landed at Savannah, GA*

Johann Bochner (1710-1785), a cabinetmaker, from Zelená Hora, Moravia; son of Adam and Hana Bochner; moved to Pennsylvania (1740), left for the mission on St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John; for a time resided in Bethlehem (N421).

Matthias Boehnisch (?-1736), a missionary, from Kunín, Moravia; a brother of George Bochnisch; died at Savannah, GA in October 1736 (N268, N398).

Gottlieb Demuth (1715-1776), from Karlov, Moravia; a nephew of Gotthard Demuth; settled at Matetsch, PA (1737), later moved to Bethlehem (1742) and eventually to Schoeneck (N420, BC117).

Regina (Leupold) Demuth (1702-1774), from Mladkov, Bohemia; a daughter of George and Elizabeth Leupold; wife of Gotthard Demuth; later she married David Tanneberger; settled in Germantown, PA in 1737 (N413, BC166).

Jakob Frank (?-1736), from Mankovice, Moravia; died at Savannah, GA in the middle of March 1736.

Andreas Dober (1708-1796), from Moenchroth, Franconia; of Bohemian descent; returned to Europe in 1737.

Rosina (Schneider) Haberecht (?-1736), from Moravia; wife of Gottfried Haberecht; died at Savannah, GA.

Christian Adolph von Hermsdorf (1709-1767), from Upper Lusatia; returned to Europe in 1737.

Juliana Jaeschke (1724-1766), from Žilina, Moravia; a daughter of Christian Jaeschke; future wife of George Waschke; settled in Germantown, PA (N22).

David Jag (1724-1766), from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Goshehoppen, PA in 1737 (N244).

John Michael Meyer (?-?), from Silesia; settled at Macungy, PA in 1737.

Augustin Neisser (1717–1780), a cutler and clock maker, from Žilina, Moravia; a son of George and Susanna Neisser; settled in Germantown, PA in 1737 (N300).

George Neisser (1715–1784), from Žilina, Moravia; a son of George and Susanna Neisser; moved to Pennsylvania (1737); settled in Bethlehem and occupied the first house built; became the first diarist of Bethlehem and the town's first school master; later active as pastor (N229, BC110).

David Nitschmann (1696–1772), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; the first Bishop of the Renewed Church of the Brethren (1735); he was dispatched to America to establish a Brethren's settlement in Northern America which led to his founding of Bethlehem, PA; much of his life was spent in travel; toward the end of his life he resided in Bethlehem (N19, BC120).

Henry Rascher (?–1736), from Upper Lusatia; died at Savannah, GA.

Catherine Riedel (1713–1791), from Životice, Moravia; a daughter of Matthaeus Pudmanský; a wife of Friedrich Riedel; after his death she married Peter Rosa and later she became wife of Johann Michael Huber (N18, BC176).

David Tanneberger (1696–1760), a shoemaker, from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Germantown, PA in 1737 and later moved to Bethlehem (1742) (N81, BC124).

John Tanneberger (1725–1778), a shoemaker, from Suchdol, Moravia; a son of David and Judith Tanneberger; settled in Germantown, PA in 1737; later moved to Bethlehem (1742) and then to Philadelphia (N311).

Judith (Haberland) Toeltschig (1707–1777), from Šenov, Moravia; a daughter of Michael and Juliana Haberland; wife of John Toeltschig; returned to Europe (1740); died in Herrnhut (N27).

Anna Waschke (?–?), of Kunín, Moravia; mother of George Waschke; settled in Germantown, PA (1738); died at the "Bethel" near Germantown at an advanced age (N185).

David Zeisberger (1696–1744), a shoemaker, from Suchdol, Moravia; father of the famous missionary David Zeisberger Jr.; settled in Bethlehem, PA, where he died (N63, BC121).

Rosina (Schneider) Zeisberger (?–1746), from Moravia; wife of David Zeisberger; settled in Bethlehem, PA, where she died (N64, BC 148).

#### *August 1737, arrived at Savannah, GA:*

John Michael Schober (?–1737), from Nová Ves, Moravia; son of Johann Schober; deceased at Savannah, GA (N461).

David Zeisberger, Jr. (1721–1808), the future famous missionary among the Indians; from Suchdol, Moravia; a son of David and Rosina Zeisberger; he is buried at Goshen, OH (N297).

#### *October 15, 1738, arrived at Savannah, GA:*

George Schullius (?–1739), a missionary, from Suchdol, Moravia; deceased at Purysburg, Beaufort Co., SC, August 4, 1739 (N257).

#### *December 15, 1740, arrived at Philadelphia:*

David Nitschmann (1696–1772), Bishop of the Brethren, from Suchdol, Moravia (N19, BC121).

David Nitschmann Sr. (1676–1758), a wagon maker, from Suchdol, Moravia; in 1750 he was naturalized at the Supreme Court in Philadelphia and was thus qualified to hold the Brethren's estates in this country; all the purchases of lands and all contracts were subsequently made by him for the Brethren (N39, BC120).

Anna Caritas Nitschmann (1715–1760), from Kunín, Moravia; a daughter of David and Anna Nitschmann; in 1760 she married Count N. L. Zinzendorf (N306).

#### *October 26, 1741, arrived at New York:*

Gottlieb Buettner (1717–1745), a missionary among the Indians, from Silesia; died at Shekomeko, NY on March 6, 1745 (BC116).

*December 2, 1741, landed in New York and on the 10th in Philadelphia:*

Abraham Meinung (?–1749), of an old Moravian family; went to St. Thomas as a missionary in 1746, where he died.

Judith (Holaschke) Kuntz Meinung (1710–1749), from Žilina, Moravia; a daughter of Michael Holaschke; wife of Abraham Meinung; her first husband Melchior Kuntz died in 1740; she went with her first husband to St. Thomas as missionaries (1746); returned to Pennsylvania in 1751 and to Europe in 1753; died at Herrnhut (N207).

Rosina (Schindler) Nitschmann (?–1753), from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of Thomas Schindler; wife of Bishop David Nitschmann; died at Herrnhaag (N20).

Benigna von Zinzendorf (1725–1789), a daughter of Count N.L. and Edmutha Dorothea (Reuss) Zinzendorf; after her mother she was of Bohemian descent; future wife of Bishop Johann Michael v. Watteville.

*June 7, 1742, the “Catherine” (Captain Thomas Gladman), arrived at Philadelphia, bringing the “First Sea Congregation,” under the leadership of George Piesch:*

Anna Catherine (Pech) Bischoff (1720–1778), steward on shipboard; from Mocker, Upper Silesia; wife of Rev. David Bischoff; moved to Rowan Co., NC in 1756; died at Bethlehem (BC167).

John George Endter (?–1741), a missionary, from Upper Silesia; missionary to Rio de Berbice, Dutch Guinea, among the Arawaks; married in 1745 the widow Rosina Tanneberger; died at Bethlehem (N167).

George Kaske (1712–1795), from Gotschdorf, Upper Silesia; ordained Deacon in 1747; went to Rio de Berbice, then returned to Nazareth, PA, where he is buried (NC117).

(Anna) Johanna Rosina (Kuhn) Miksch (1717–1786), from Goerlitz, Upper Lusatia; died at Nazareth, PA.

Michael Miksch (1713–1792), a farmer, from Kunín, Moravia; settled in Pennsylvania; died at Gnadenthal, near Nazareth (N216, NC116).

... Miksch (1742–1742), an infant son of Michael Miksch; born on board the “Catherine”; died and was buried near New London, CT, May 24, 1742.

Joseph Moeller (1713–1778), a gardener, from Upper Lusatia, of Bohemian origin; settled in Bethlehem, PA, where he is buried (N549, BC102).

Gottlieb Pezold (1720–1762), a pursemaker, from Bischofswerda, Lusatia; ordained Deacon (1748); founded Emmaus Congregation; was leader of the Brethren’s Choir; Elder in Bethlehem; ordained presbyter (1759); died in Lititz, PA.

George Piesch (?–1753), a shoemaker, from Kunín, Moravia; one of the first missionaries in Surinam (1735) and one of the first workers in Yorkshire, England; accompanied als Elder of the “Sea Congregation” the pioneers of Bethlehem; returned to Yorkshire (N60).

George Schneider (1716–1773), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Bethlehem (1742), where he is buried (N220, BC101).

Nathaniel Seidel (1718–1782), a cloth-weaver, from Laubau, Silesia, of Bohemian origin; a missionary among the Indians; the founder of Bethabara, NC; missionary to Surinam; consecrated Bishop (1758); became President of the Provincial Board of the Elders; died at Bethlehem (BC99).

Anna Catharine (Ludwig) Senseman (1717–1754), from Lichtenwarn, Upper Silesia; wife of Joachim Senseman; missionary among Mohican Indians, Shecomeco, NY, later at Pachgatgoch, CT; died martyr’s death at Gnadenuhuetten on the Mahoning, PA, November 24th, 1755 in the hands of the Indians.

Michael Tanneberger (1704–1744), a shoemaker, from Suchdol, Moravia; a brother of David Tanneberger; settled in Pennsylvania; is buried at Bethlehem (N273, BC121).

George Wiesner (?-?), from Bohemia; resided in Bethlehem; returned to Europe (1743) (N409).

Matthew Wittke (?-1761), a mason, from Ženkla, Moravia; settled in Pennsylvania (1742); resided at Nazareth, where he died (N201, NC99).

David Wahnert (1706-1765), a ship cook, from Silesia; a faithful diaconus of colonists from Europe to America; died at Herrnhut.

*September 1742, arrived in Philadelphia:*

Martin Liebisch (1698-1766), from Suchdol, Moravia; died at Nazareth, PA (N114, NC101).

Anna Liebisch (?-1744), from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of Martin and Anna Liebisch; future wife of Rev. Anton Seyffert; returned to Europe (N401).

Anna (Schneider) Liebisch (1703-1770), from Suchdol, Moravia; wife of Martin Liebisch; died at Bethlehem, PA (N115, BC164).

Rosina "Hannah" (Hauer) Neubert (1705-1770/85), from Kunín, Moravia; a daughter of Tobias Hauer; wife of Daniel Neubert; settled in Bethlehem, PA in 1742 (N308, BC158).

Daniel Neubert (1704-1788), a tanner, presumably of Moravian origin; settled in Bethlehem, PA; started the first tannery and was also the first miller in Bethlehem (BC110).

*November 26, 1743, the "Little Strength" (Captain N. Garrison), arrived in New York, bringing the "Second Sea Congregation":*

Gottlieb Anders (1717-1755), a gardener, from Neumarkt, Silesia; perished at Gnadenhuetten on the Mahoning, PA, having been killed by the Indians on November 24, 1755.

John Henry Biefel (?-1759), a carpenter, from Silesia; moved to Bethabara, NC in 1756, where he died.

Andreas Broksch (1703-1779), from Buergerwald, Upper Silesia, of Moravian descent; moved to Bethlehem, where he served as the town night watchman; died at Bethlehem (N603, BC103).

George Christ (1701-1769), a husbandman, from Nová Ves, Moravia; settled in Bethlehem in 1743, where he died (N456, BC100).

Anna Maria (Schroller) Christ (1703-1763), from Moravia; wife of George Christ; settled in Bethlehem, PA; died at Nazareth (N457, NC100).

Anna Maria (Schmidt) Demuth (1697-1761), from Milkendorf, Silesia; wife of Christopher Demuth; died at Nazareth, PA (NC99).

Christopher Demuth (1689-1754), a boxmaker, from Karlov, Moravia; is buried at Nazareth, PA (N412, NC95).

John Godfrey Grabs (?-1793), a shepherd, from Silesia; settled in Bethabara, NC (1756); died at Bethany.

Matthew Hanke (1707-1785), from Upper Silesia; moved to Bethlehem (1743) and then to Nazareth (1744), where he is buried (NC110).

Christopher Hencke (?-1752), from Zittau, Lusatia (BC122).

John Tobias Hirte (1707-1770), a carpenter, from Euba, Upper Lusatia; master carpenter of Nazareth Hall; died at Bethlehem (BC100).

Marie (Klose) Hirte (1710-1767), from Roesnitz, Silesia; wife of John Tobias Hirte; died at Bethlehem (BC148).

John Jorde (1706-1760), a carpenter, from Hirschgund, Silesia; came to Bethlehem (1743), where he is buried (BC124).

Matthew Krause (?-1767), a husbandman, from Roesnitz, Silesia; died at Bethabara, NC.



Andreas Kremser (1711–1767), a farmer, from Roesnitz, Silesia; resided and died at Friedensthal, Nazareth, PA (NC101).

George Kremser (?–1744), from Silesia; died at Nazareth (NC93).

Rosina (Schneider) Michler (1715–1755), from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of David and Catherine Schneider; wife of John Wolfgang Michler (N320, BC149).

Maria Rosina (Dietrich) Moeller (1722–1808), from Torpisch (Dorpitz), Silesia; wife of John Henry Moeller (BC189).

John Michael Muecke (1708–1786), a cooper, from Hillersdorf, Upper Silesia; Acolyte; died at Gnadenthal, PA in May 1786 (NC112).

Johannes Muenster (1700–1754), a linen weaver, from Suchdol, Moravia; died at Nazareth, PA (N71, NC95).

Rosina (Nitschmann) Muenster (1706–1791), from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of George Nitschmann; wife of Johannes Muenster (N72, BC160).

John George Nixdorf (1700–1785), from Silesia; kept school at Lancaster, PA; was ordained Deacon (1758); is buried at Bethlehem (BC109).

Susan (Korn) Nixdorf (1708–1800), from Frankenstein, Silesia; wife of John George Nixdorf; resided at Bethlehem; died at Bethlehem (BC176).

Leopold Opitz (1713–1775), from Freudenthal, Upper Silesia; settled in Pennsylvania; is buried at Schoeneck, PA.

John George Partsch (1719–1765), a linen weaver, from Langendorf, Upper Silesia; served the “Economy” at Bethlehem and St. Thomas; is buried at Bethlehem (BC101).

David Reichard (?–1768), a husbandman, from Silesia; died at Gnadenthal, PA (NC102).

Andreas Schober (1710–1792), a stone mason, from Nová Ves, Moravia; died at Bethlehem, PA (N458, BC112).

David Wahnert (1706–1765), a ship cook, from Silesia.

John Christian Weihert (1712–1795), a carpenter, from Markklisse, Upper Lusatia; died at Nazareth, PA (BC114, NC117).

Anna Dorothea (Boem) Zeisberger (?–1758), from Kunín, Moravia; second wife of George Zeisberger; died at Nazareth, PA (NC98).

George Zeisberger (1688–1781), from Suchdol, Moravia; father of David Zeisberger; died at Gnadenthal, November 26, 1781 (N152, NC107).

*October 25, 1744, the “Jacob,” arrived at New York:*

George Neisser (1715–1784), from Ženkla, Moravia; resided and is buried in Bethlehem (N229, BC110).

*December 28, 1746, the “John Galley” (Captain Crosswaite), arrived off Lewes, DE:*

Judith (Muenster) Hikel (?–?), from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of David and Anna Muenster; a widow of Andreas Hikel; died at Barbados (N173).

*June 1748, the “Irene” (Captain N. Garrison), arrived at New York, destined for Bethlehem, PA:*

Andreas Broksch (1702–1790), from Buergerwald, Silesia; one of the twenty-two single men from Bethlehem who were settled in Gnadenthal; died at Nazareth (N553, NC114).

Matthew Kunz (1722–1774), a farmer, from Suchdol, Moravia; was ordained Deacon in 1760; died at Brueder Garten, Tranquibar, E.I., October 6, 1774 (N227).

Godfrey Roemelt (1712–1798), a nail-smith, from Breslau, Silesia; is buried at Bethlehem (BC131).

Paul Schneider (1724–1757), from Suchdol, Moravia; Acolyte (1755); Deacon (1762); died at St. Thomas (N281).

John Seyffert (1722–1802), from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Bethlehem, PA; is buried at Bethlehem (N282, BC128).

Samuel Wittke (?–?), probably related to Matthew Wittke (?–1761) of Ženkla, Moravia.

*In September 1748, arrived at New York:*

Johannes v. Watteville (1718–1788), a Baron, from Walschtchen in Thuringia; chief assistant to Count Zinzendorf (1744); consecrated Bishop (1747); first episcopal duties were in America; returned to Europe in 1749; died at Gnadenfrei, Silesia.

Henrietta Benigna v. Watteville (1725–1789), of Berthelsdorf, Lusatia; a daughter of Count N. L. and Edmutha Dorothea (Reuss) Zinzendorf; after her mother was of Bohemian descent; wife of Bishop Johannes v. Watteville.

*May 12, 1749, the "Irene" (Captain Nicholas Garrison), arrived at New York, bringing the "Third Sea Congregation," known as "John Nitschmann Colony":*

Gottlieb Berndt (1718–1772), a clothier, from Hennersdorf, Upper Silesia; died at Nazareth, PA (NC103).

Wenzel Bernhard (1716–1792), from Čermna, Bohemia; a baker for the Congregation; buried at Nazareth, PA (N459, NC116).

Anna Rosina Beyer (1691–1751), from Schoenbruenn, near Brieg, Silesia; later married Daniel Kliet; died at Bethlehem, PA (BC149).

Christian David (1691–1751), from Ženkla, Moravia; the founder of Herrnhut; had much to do with the founding of the diaspora work; went to Greenland; died in Herrnhut (N1).

Maria Dominick (1725–1806), from Lower Silesia; married Gottfried Schultz in Bethlehem in 1749; after his death she married John Daniel Kunz (1782); died at Nazareth, PA (NC121).

Elias Flex (1713–1780), a farmer, from Upper Silesia; is buried at Gnadenfrei, PA (NC107).

Henry Fritsche (1715–1782), a tailor, from Silesia; died at Nazareth, PA (NC109).

Paul Fritsche (1720–1765), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; died at Nazareth, PA (N226, NC101).

Rosina Gall(e) (1709–1785), from Silesia; moved to Bethlehem; married Wenzel Bernhard; died at Nazareth, PA (NC111).

George Gold (1722–1792), a mason, from Suchdol, Moravia; died at Nazareth, PA (N224, NC116).

Anna Helena (Jaehne) Haberland (1710–1787), from Berthelsdorf; wife of Michael Haberland; died at Bethlehem, PA (BC159).

Juliana Haberland (1715–1790), from Šenov, Moravia; a daughter of George and Anna Haberland; the future wife of John F. Roemelt; died at Bethlehem, PA (N315, BC160).

Michael Haberland (1698–1782), a carpenter, from Šenov, Moravia; since 1749 lived in Bethlehem and Nazareth; died at Bethlehem (N232, BC104).

Rosina Hans (1724–1774), from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of Michael and Rosina Hans; married Paul Fritsch and later Matthew Kremser; she died at New Herrnhut, St. Thomas (N226).

Rosina Kern (1763–1792), from Ebersdorf, Upper Lusatia; married the organ builder David Tanneberger; resided and died at Lititz, PA (LC245).

Rosina (Schindler) Krause (1719–?), from Suchdol, Moravia; wife of Samuel Krause; settled at Nazareth, PA (N307).

David Kunz (1725–1792), a farmer, from Suchdol, Moravia; resided in Bethlehem since 1750, following the occupation of an "oilmiller"; died in Bethlehem, PA (N228, BC112).



Michael Muenster (1723–1758), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; moved to Nazareth, PA, where he died; unmarried (N285, NC98).

Anna Maria Nitsche (1723–1801), from Trautenau, Silesia; future wife of J. Godfrey Engle (he died 1756) and later wife of Rev. Frederick Peter; died at Bethlehem, PA (BC193).

David Nitschmann (1696–1772), from Suchdol, Moravia; Bishop of the Brethren; buried in Bethlehem (N197, BC121).

Johann Nitschmann (1703–1772), from Šenov, Moravia; leader of the Colony; ordained Bishop in 1741; returned to Europe in 1751 (N47).

Juliana (Haberland) Nitschmann (1712–1751), from Šenov, Moravia; a daughter of Michael and Juliana Haberland; wife of Bishop Johann Nitschmann; died at Bethlehem, PA (N48, BC147).

Martin Nitschmann (1712/4–1755), a cutter, from Suchdol, Moravia (N219).

Rosina "Phoebe" (Schindler) Nitschmann (1704–1753), from Suchdol, Moravia; wife of Bishop David Nitschmann; a daughter of Thomas Schindler (N20).

Elizabeth Oertel (?–?), from Potewalde, Moravia; future wife of John Schneider (N197).

Carl Opitz (?–?), a shoemaker, from Silesia.

Maria Elizabeth Opitz (1719–1790), from Milkendorf, Upper Silesia; future wife of George Pitschmann; died at Bethlehem, PA (BC160).

Georg Pitschmann (?–?), a weaver, from Upper Silesia (BC110).

Anna Maria Roth (1725–1810), from Losswitz, near Bunzlau, Silesia; married George Gold; died at Nazareth, PA (NC124).

John Schmidt (1708–1786), a furrier, from Upper Silesia; resided at Nazareth, PA, where he died (NC111).

Melchior Schmidt (1721–1791), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; died at Nazareth, PA (N231, NC119).

Melchior Schmidt (?–?), a weaver, from Moravia.

John Schneider (?–?), from Suchdol, Moravia; missionary to Greenland and Labrador; ordained Deacon at Bethlehem; ordained Presbyterian at Nain, Labrador in 1773 (N195).

Martin Schneider (1721–1749), a mason, from Moravia; died at Bethlehem, PA (BC118).

Rosina Schulus (1730–1767), a Deaconess, from Suchdol, Moravia; a daughter of Martin and Anna Schulus; future wife of Matthew Kremser (N644).

Gottfried Schultze (1717–1779), a farmer, from Lower Silesia; died at Nazareth, PA (NC105).

Magdalena Schwartz (1717–1777), from Neukirch, Upper Lusatia; future wife of Peter Mordick; died at Gnadenthal, PA.

Andreas Seiffert (1723–1758), a carpenter, from Lipka, Bohemia; died in Bethlehem, PA (N550, BC 119).

Matthew Stach (1711–1787), a wool spinner, from Mankovice, Moravia (N192).

Rosina (Stach) Stach (?–1800), from Moravia; wife of Matthew Stach (N192).

Thomas Stach (?–?), a bookbinder, from Mankovice, Moravia; resided in Bethlehem; catechet in Greenland (N221).

Anna Rosina (Rohleder) Stoll (1727–?), from Suchdol, Moravia; wife of John Stoll; (BC169, N309).

David Tanneberger (1728–1804), a joiner, from Suchdol, Moravia; buried at York, PA (N310).

Dorothy Uhlmann (1726–1755), from Suchdol, Moravia; future wife of John L. Gattermeyer (N336, BC150).

David Wahnert (1706–1765), a ship cook, from Silesia.

*June 22, 1750, the "Irene" (Captain Nicholas Garrison) arrived at New York, bringing the "Henry Jorde Colony":*

Godfrey Fockel (?-?), from Silesia.

John Gottlieb Fockel (?-?), from Silesia.

Martin (Andrew) Freyhube (1720-1813), a shoemaker, from Oels, Silesia; for 43 years worked in Christiansbrunn Economy; in 1784 came to Bethlehem, where he is buried (BC129).

Henry Gerstberger (1713-1797), from Langendorf, Silesia; settled in Bethlehem (1751); unmarried (BC139).

Christian Giersch (1724-1797), a miller, from Šenov, Moravia; died at Nazareth, PA (NC118).

Andrew Gross (?-?), from Silesia.

John Paul Hennig (1715-1783), a shoemaker, from Fribus, Moravia; of Roman Catholic parents; was employed at Christianspring as cook, and as a teacher of the boys; went to Lititz as master shoemaker in the Brethren's House; died at Lititz, PA (N551, LC240).

Andreas Janke (?-?), from Silesia.

Heinrich Jorde (1714-1776), from Upper Silesia; missionary in Jamaica (1773); died in Jamaica (N619).

Melchior Muenster (1729-1762), from Suchdol, Moravia; died in Wachau (N286).

*September 26, 1751, the "Irene" (Captain N. Garrison), arrived at New York:*

Christian Seidel (?-?), possibly related to Bishop Nathaniel Seidel.

Nathaniel Seidel (1718-1782), from Silesia; of Bohemian origin; Bishop of the Brethren (BC99).

David Zeisberger (1721-1808), the famous missionary among the Indians, returning from a visit to Germany (N297).

*May 17, 1752, the "Irene" (Captain N. Garrison), arrived at New York:*

Andreas Anton Lawatsch (?-1771), a missionary; died in Surinam (N418, N542).

Anna Maria (Demuth) Lawatsch (1712-1760), from Karlov, Moravia; a daughter of Tobias and Rosina Demuth; wife of Andreas Anton Lawatsch (N418, BC147).

Rosina (Hikel) Pfahl (?-1765), from Kunín, Moravia; a daughter of George and Rosina Hikel; widow of . . . Pfahl; resided at Bethlehem, where she married David Wahnert (1753); she died at Herrnhut, Lusatia in 1765 (N547).

David Wahnert (1706-1765), a ship cook, from Silesia.

*November 20, 1752, the "Irene," arrived in New York:*

Regina Neumann (1720-1791), from Silesia; a daughter of John Neumann; future wife of Matthias Weiss; died at Bethlehem (BC161).

John Toeltschig (1703-1764), a gardener, from Suchdol, Moravia; pastor in England and Ireland (1739-48); in 1752 was a leader of a party of colonials destined for Bethlehem (N26).

David Wahnert (1706-1765), a ship cook, from Silesia;

*December 1752, arrived at New York:*

Anna Maria (Jachne) Hehl (1716-1777), from Berthelsdorf, Upper Lusatia; of Moravian descent; wife of Bishop Matthew Hehl; died at Lititz (LC236).

Matthew Kremser (1723-1779), from Koesnitz, Silesia; came to Bethlehem (1750); to St. Thomas (1753); ordained Deacon (1755); died at St. Thomas on September 3, 1774 (N214).

*September 9, 1753, the "Irene" (Captain N. Garrison), arrived at New York:*

Frederick Beyer (?-?), a carpenter, from Silesia.

George Wenzeslaus Golkowsky (1725-1813), a cabinetmaker and surveyor, from Brobeck, Těšín, Upper Silesia; died at Nazareth, PA (N552, NC124).

Joseph Haberland (1726-1782), a mason from Ženkla, Moravia; in 1753 resided at Bethlehem; in 1774 went to Tranquibar, E. I., where he died (N491).

Henry Krause (1717-1792), a butcher, from Toerpitz, Silesia; is buried at Bethlehem (BC112).

Jacob Till (1713-1783), a miller, from Kunín, Moravia; ordained Deacon (1754); settled in Bethlehem (N204).

Susan Till (?-?), a daughter of Jacob Till.

Rebecca Till (?-?), a daughter of Jacob Till.

David Wahnert (1706-1765), a ship cook, from Silesia.

Rosina (Hikel) Pfahl Wahnert (?-1765), from Kunín, Moravia; second wife of David Wahnert.

Peter Weicht (?-?), a farmer, from Silesia.

*April 15, 1754, the "Irene" (Captain N. Garrison), arrived at New York:*

Anna Benigna Benzien (1751-?), a daughter of Anna Maria (Neisser) and Christian Thomas Benzien; resided in Bethlehem (N395).

Anna Maria (Neisser) Benzien (1724-1783), a daughter of Jacob and Anna Neisser; wife of Rev. Christian Thomas Benzien and later wife of Rev. Amadeus Paulinus Thrane; died at Bethlehem (N395, BC 175).

Christian Ludwig Benzien (1753-?), a son of Anna Maria (Neisser) and Rev. Christian Thomas Benzien (N395).

Anna Maria Heckewelder (1745-1770), born in Bedford, England; a daughter of Rev. David and Christina Heckewelder; settled in Bethlehem (N212, BC162).

Christian Heckewelder (1750-1803), a son of Rev. David and Christina Heckewelder (N635).

David Heckewelder (1711-1760), from Suchdol, Moravia; served the Church at Bedford and York, England (1742-54); missionary at St. Thomas and St. John, W. I., where he died; father of the famed missionary among the Indians - John G. Heckewelder (N212).

David Heckewelder (1748-1772), a son of Rev. David and Christina Heckewelder; died at Bethlehem (N212, BC117).

John Gottlieb Heckewelder (1743-1823), the future distinguished missionary among the Indians; son of Rev. David and Christina Heckewelder; died at Bethlehem (N587, BC140).

David Nitschmann Sr. (1676-1758), from Suchdol, Moravia; the uncle of Bishop David Nitschmann; in 1734 he and his wife were sent as missionaries to St. Thomas and St. Croix; often called the "builder" of Bethlehem (N587, BC140).

David Wahnert (1706-1765), a ship cook, from Silesia.

Rosina (Hikel) Pfahl Wahnert (?-1765), from Kunín, Moravia; second wife of David Wahnert.

*November 16, 1754, the "Irene" (Captain N. Garrison), arrived in New York:*

Joseph Bulitschek (?-?), a carpenter, from Bohemia (N482).

Melchior Conrad (1728-1762), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; resided at Bethlehem; missionary to St. Thomas (1761); died at St. Croix on February 2, 1762 (N213).

Gottfried Dust (?-?), a potter, from Silesia.

Joseph Giersch (1726–1797), a miller, from Šenov, Moravia; settled at Bethlehem, PA (N291, BC128).

Joseph Huepsch (1709–1789), a shepherd, from Tzitanitz, Bohemia; settled at Bethlehem (N481, BC111).

John Jag (1730–1811), from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Pennsylvania; is buried at Nazareth (N264, NC124).

David Kunz (1724–1797), a carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; resided in Bethlehem since 1750; died at Nazareth, PA (N228, NC118).

John Matthew Miksch (1731–1810), a gardener and bookbinder, of Moravian descent.

Gottlieb Pezold (1720–1762), a purse-maker, from Bischofswerde, Lusatia; ordained Deacon (1748) and presbyter (1759); leader of the single Brethren's Choir; died at Lititz.

Martin Rohleder (1724–1797), a farmer, from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Bethlehem (N292, BC128).

John Martin Schenk (1733–1797), a stone mason, from Moravia; ordained Deacon at Lititz, PA; in 1778 moved to Hope, NJ, died at Nazareth, PA (N513, NC118).

George Schindler (1727–1808), a linen weaver and carpenter, from Suchdol, Moravia; settled in Bethlehem (N535, BC127).

*June 2, 1756, the "Irene," arrived in New York:*

John Michael Biffel (?–1759), a carpenter, from Silesia; moved to Bethabara, NC in 1756.

*October 19, 1761, the "Hope," arrived at New York:*

Elizabeth Broksch (1734–1764), an Acolyte, from Meffersdorf, Upper Lusatia; a daughter of Andreas and Anna Elizabeth Broksch; is buried at Bethlehem (BC152).

Jeremiah Denke (1725–1795), a chaplain and organist, from Langenbilau, Silesia; ordained Deacon; became a pastor at Lititz, Nazareth, and Bethlehem (BC141).

Juliana Benedicta (Mauersberg) v. Gammern (1717–1807), from Panten, Silesia; widow of Rev. Abraham v. Gammern of Neusalz, resided at Bethabara, NC; then came to Bethlehem, PA, where she died (BC194).

Christian Hornig (1733–1812), a shoemaker, from Weingemonden, Silesia; died at Bethlehem (BC127).

Anna (Kremser) Muenster (1718–1779), from Roesnitz, Upper Silesia; a Deaconess; wife of Rev. Paul Muenster (N218, BC168).

Paul Muenster (1716–1792), from Suchdol, Moravia; ordained Deacon; served in Holland and England until 1761 when he was called to Bethlehem; became the pastor of the Congregation (N218, BC112).

Emanuel Nitschmann (1736–1791), a son of Bishop John Nitschmann; settled at Bethlehem; was an organist and excellent violin player (BC111).

Anna Dorothea Nitschman (1743–1803), a daughter of Bishop John Nitschmann; died at Bethlehem (BC193).

August Schloesser (1727–1792), a saddler, from Moravia; settled at Bethlehem and then at Nazareth, PA (N293, NC116).

John Martin Schmidt (1716–1793), a linen weaver; died at Lititz, PA; unmarried (LC246).

Anna Johanna (Piesch) Seidel (1726–1788), of Moravian origin; an Acolyte; a daughter of George and Rosina Piesch; wife of Bishop Nathaniel Seidel; resided at Bethlehem, PA; died at Nazareth (N390, NC113).

Anna Seidel (1722–1767), from Laubau, Silesia, of Bohemian descent; a sister of Nathaniel Seidel; an Acolyte; buried at Bethlehem, PA (BC151).

Nathaniel Seidel (1718–1782), from Laubau, Silesia, of Bohemian descent; Bishop of the Brethren; for twenty years the President of the American Provincial Board (N390, BC99).

John Frederick Peter (1707–1791), from Brieborn, Silesia; assistant pastor at Bethlehem, PA; died at Bethlehem (BC111).

David Wahnert (1706–1765), a ship cook, from Silesia.

David Zeisberger (?–?), of Moravian origin; the late chaplain of boys at Niesky.

*October 21, 1763, the "Hope," arrived at New York:*

Eleanora Elizabeth v. Seidlitz (1724–1789), from Rackau, near Breslau, Silesia; a daughter of Joachim Frederick v. Seidlitz; was appointed Superintendent of the unmarried women in Bethlehem, which position she held from 1763 to 1781; is buried at Bethlehem (BC163).

*November 9, 1765, the "Hope," arrived in Philadelphia:*

David Nitschmann, the "Syndic" (1705–1779), a weaver, from Suchdol, Moravia; for several years served as Count Zinzendorf's valet and assistant; later ordained Bishop; missionary in Ceylon; in 1764/5 visited Bethlehem and other Congregations; active in Church archives in Zeist, Holland; died in Zeist (N24).

Rosina (Fischer) Nitschmann (?–1772), from Kunín, Moravia; wife of David Nitschmann, the "Syndic" (N25).

Joseph Neisser (1722–1793), a cutler, from Žilina, Moravia; ordained Deacon (1733); went to Greenland (1765); then to Europe (1767); in 1784 went back to Bethlehem; is buried in Bethlehem (N484, BC125).

Anna Rosina (Hauff) Neisser (1723–1797), from Burkau, Upper Lusatia; wife of Rev. Joseph Neisser (BC176).

*In 1769 arrived:*

H. W. Gottlieb v. Vippach (1713–1773), a nobleman, from Gnadenfrei, Silesia; is buried at Bethlehem, PA (BC101).

*On May 18, 1770, arrived in New York:*

Christian Gottlieb Hoepner (?–?), a shoemaker, from Silesia.

John Frederick Peter (1746–1813), a minister, from Barby; a son of Frederick Peter; resided at Bethlehem, PA; Salem, NC; was an organist at Bethlehem (BC133).

David Piesch (?–?), from Barby.

Thomas Stephen (?–?), a weaver, from Štramberg, Moravia; settled in Bethlehem (N255).

*November 10, 1770 arrived:*

Hans Christian v. Schweinitz (1723–1801), from Silesia; of noble descent.

*On September 20, 1773, arrived in Philadelphia:*

Simon Christopher Meyer (1719–1786), a button maker, from Silesia; ordained Deacon; resided at Nazareth (BC119).

*On April 17, 1779, arrived at New York:*

John Jacob Schwihel (1737–1806), from Upper Lusatia; of Bohemian descent; resided at Nazareth; missionary in the West Indies; is buried at Nazareth (N613, NC122).

Siegmund Leschinsky (?–?), from Herrnhut, Lusatia.

*On February 27, 1780, arrived at New York:*

John Michael Kern (1750–1804), from Ebersdorf, Upper Lusatia; is buried at Nazareth (NC120).

*In 1784 arrived:*

Charles Gotthold Reichel (1751–1825), a clergyman; from Hermsdorf, Silesia; was put in charge of the boys' military boarding school at Nazareth; consecrated Bishop in 1801, presiding over the southern district and residing at Salem, NC; later was assigned to northern district in Bethlehem, PA; died at Niesky, Prussia.

*On October 2, 1790, arrived:*

Gideon Helwig (1770–1822), a cook and oil-miller; from Nischwitz, Silesia; died at Bethlehem, PA (BC140).