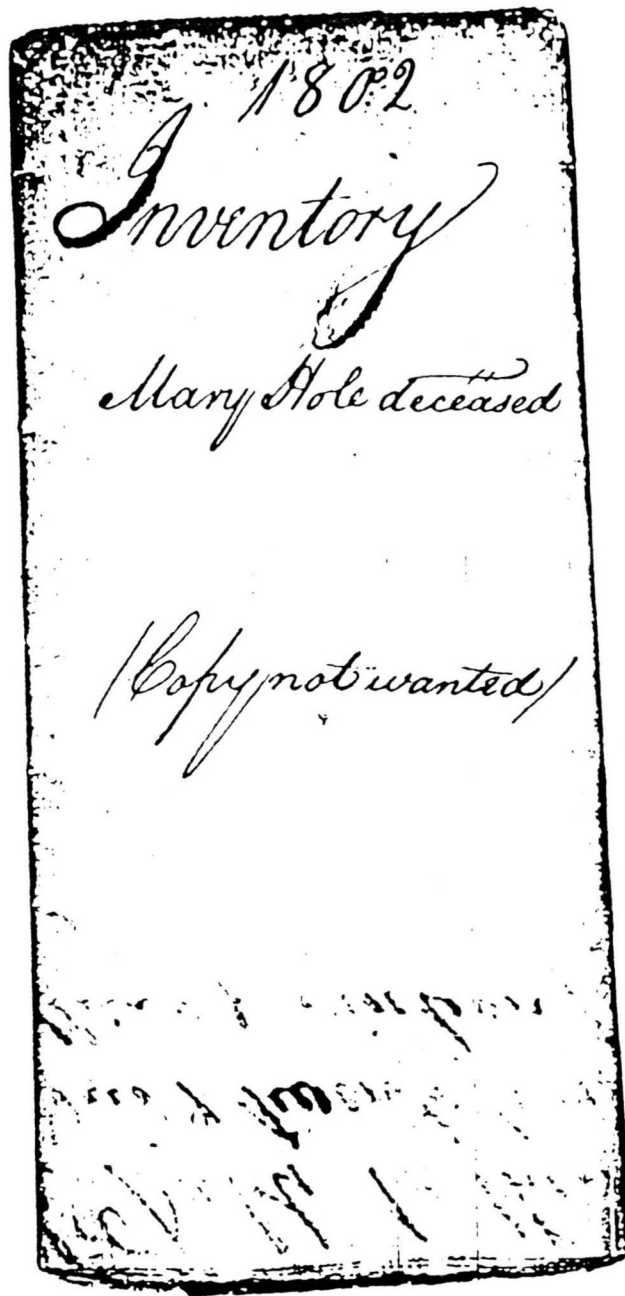


Be it Remembered That on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1802 the last Will and Testament of Mary Hoole late of Earl Township in the County of Lancaster deceased, was proved in due form of Law and Letters Testamentary thereon were granted to Jacob Hoole the Executor therein named, He having first been duly qualified well and truly to administer the Estate of the said deceased, - Especially to make a true and perfect Inventory thereof and Exhibit the same into the Registers Office at Lancaster within One Month and to Render a true and Just Account of his Executorship on the said Estate within one Year from this Date, or when thereunto lawfully required. Given under the Seal of the said Office

J. Hoole  
Reg<sup>r</sup>



1802 Inventory of Mary Hole/Holl, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.  
The original document is located at the Lancaster (PA) County Historical Society.

Inventory and appraisement of the Goods  
and rights and credits which were of Mary  
Holl deceased as taken the Nineteenth  
day of March Anno Domini 1802 Viz

1 table to	0	3	9
1 clock to	1	10	0
1 chair to	0	1	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
1 chest to	0	7	6
1 glass hockle to	0	1	6
1 Bible to	0	10	0
Sundry Books to	0	5	0
Sundry pewter Dishes & plates & Tinware	0	7	6
2 iron pots to	0	3	9
2 brass <del>ladle</del> & pot hockle to	0	2	6
1 Copper Kettle to	1	2	6
Sundry Tub or pail to	0	3	0
1 Spinning wheel to	0	1	6
Sundry Basket with ribbon & yarn to	0	1	6
Bedding bed tick & bedstead to	1	10	0
1 Steelyard to	0	1	0
linen clothe per yard to a Shilling & 6 pence	1	19	11
to Eleven yard & a quarter to			
Linsey clothe per yard to 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pence	0	14	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
three yards & three quarters to			
Tow linen clothe per yard to one quarter	0	13	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
of a Dollar to			
fine Dish clothe to	0	12	0
her clothes & to Sundry Linen or Shifts	7	17	6
Thread & other things to			
1 pint of oil & two bottles to	0	2	6
The total Sum of Inventory	12	44	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

## Bond &amp; Note

one Note at 9 pound due or pay to the first day of November D 1779	9	0	0
one Note at 25 <del>pounds</del> 17 Shilling & Six pence pay. to the first day of November D 1779	25	17	6
Note at 9 pound, due or pay. to the fifteenth day of May D 1780	9	0	0
Note at 9 pound due or payable the fifteenth of May D. 1781	9	0	0
Note at 12 pound, due or payable the fifteenth day of May D 1782	12	0	0
Note at 9 pound, due or pay to the fifteenth day of May D. 1783	9	0	0
Note at 9 pound, due or pay to the fifteenth day of May D. 1784	9	0	0
Note at 12 pound, due or pay to the 15th day of May D. 1785	12	0	0
Note at 9 pound, due or payable the 15th day of May D 1786	9	0	0
Note at 9 pound, & 9 Shilling & Two pence due or payable the 15th day of May Anno Domini 1787	9	9	2
Note 40 pound, due or payable the 1st day of October D. 1789	40	0	0
Schedule appeared Dated the seventeenth day of March D. 1775 Concerning John Hall, Insolvent & Debtor as it will appear his Legacy £ 125 & poud an acct. 85 L: 13 S: & 6 D: remains to			
	39	6	3

Book Dabts. to the sum of  
 one hundred & twenty four pounds  
 one Shilling & sixteen pence 124 1 16  
 Cash - - - - - 31 5 0

Appraised by us David Wither  
 James Wither

Exhibited into the Register Office at Lancaster  
 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Domini 1802

Same day by the  
 Exor & Appraisers  
 Affirmed  
 Corne

by Jacob Goll & Exor

Robt Register

Lititz Moravian Congregation  
Museum and Archives  
8 Church Square  
Lititz, Pa. 17543

Mrs. Sam Meredith  
1720 South Gessner Road  
Houston, Texas 77063

Jan. 23, 1992

Dear Mrs. Meredith,

I have sent along the listings for the family name Holl from our "Moravian Graveyards of Lititz", but I noticed you had already had access to that book.

Two things which you probably didn't have are the notations from the actual church record books on Catharine Beck Holl and Isaac Holl.

There were no other listings for Holl or Hull.

I hope this information has been helpful.

Sincerely,

*Jean M. Doherty*

Jean M. Doherty  
Lititz Moravian Museum & Archives

from church record book:

Catherine Holl

died 1/17/1869 buried 1/20/1869  
born in New Holland

baptized 6/8/1862 - died after  
illness of 8 days.

7 children, 6 of whom survived  
their mother. 51 grand-  
children of whom 36 have  
departed; 75 great grandchildren  
of whom 59 are still living.

no record of John Holl



Mrs. Sam L. Meredith  
 1720 South Gessner  
 Houston, Texas 77063  
 August 28, 1981

Church Record Archives  
 Moravian Historical Society  
 210 East Chester  
 Nazareth, Pennsylvania 18061

Dear Sirs:

I am attempting to obtain information about Christian (b. 1770-1780) and Catharine (b. ca. 1783) HOLL (anglicized to HULL), whom I believe may have been husband and wife. They were residents of Lititz, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and were associated with the Moravian Church there. I do not know when Christian died, but Catharine died at an advanced age sometime after 1860.

What I need most are the names and birth or baptismal dates for their children. Any information you can provide me about any of these people will be greatly appreciated. Enclosed is a SASE for your convenience. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Meredith

9/10/81

Lititz 292 - Catharine  
 276 (?) - Holl  
 281

Catharine Hull - M. N. Beck - Born in New Holland  
 Mar. 25, 1783. Came to Lititz as a widow  
 & lived with her daughter, also a widow  
 about 30 years. Died Jan 17, 1869 - Buried Lititz  
 No record of Christian Hull - Holl

Christian Hull - Born in Bethlehem, Pa. May 10, 1775. Son of  
 James Hull, married Catharine Frothingham. At one time  
 was landlord of Lititz Inn, also repaired clocks & watches,  
 also a small grocery store. Died June 30, 1848. Buried Lititz  
 Cemetery - Born near Graham, Md July 31, 1776. Wife of John  
 Died March 21, 1855 - Buried Lititz - 5 children

## WITWER/WITTWER/WIDWER/WIDOWER

Not much is known about Hans Witwer beyond the fact that he was the father of Michael Witwer and Maria (Witwer) Holl, wife of Wendel Holl.<sup>1</sup> According to the *Witwer Genealogy in America* there were more children: Catharine, Elizabeth and others.<sup>2</sup> None of these is mentioned in the will of Hans Witwer, though this does not preclude their existence and it is possible some might have predeceased him. The *Witwer Genealogy in America*, however, is not a completely reliable source for early Witwer information.

The Wittwers like the Holls were Mennonites.<sup>3</sup> In 1699 there was a Mennonite Hans Wittwer in Zweibrucken, Pfalz, who had come there from Markirch in Alsace.<sup>4</sup> It is not known if he was the same Hans Witwer who appeared later in Lancaster, or was perhaps someone related to him.

Richard Warren Davis in *Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners* suggests that the Hans Witwer of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, may have been the son of Hans Witwer, born 20 February 1646 in Langnau, and his wife Anna. These two were refugees in Wagebach, Pfalz, in December 1671. They are found again on the 1709 Pfalz Mennonite Census Lists as Hans Witwer 61, Anna Witwer 58 with Hans Witwer 29.<sup>5</sup>

Hans Witwer's arrival in the Colonies seems to have predated the surviving passenger lists. The name John Widwer appears on the tax list of 1718 for Dutch Inhabitants of the Township of Conestogoe (then Chester, now Lancaster County).<sup>6</sup> Men of similar surnames appear on these early Conestogoe Township Tax Lists through a 1726 listing for Hance Widwer.<sup>7</sup> It is not known what, if any, relationship existed between any of these men and the Hans/John Witwer of this study.

*The Supplement to the Account of the Surveyed Lands in the County of Chester for the Year 1718* shows a John Wittwor owning 200 acres of land lying on the north side of the Conestogoe River.<sup>8</sup> This is not an area where the John Witwer of this study was known to have owned property.

Acreage in Lancaster County is recorded as having been warranted to Hans Widower, 250 acres in 1738 and 632 acres in 1741.<sup>9</sup> (This second tract was later patented to Wendel Holl.<sup>10</sup> See the photocopy of the original 1741 warrant and the partial Earl Township Warrant Map in the Holl Family section for the location of the tract.) No record was found where Hans Witwer had patented land.

From Hans Witwer's inventory we learn that he was actively farming including keeping bees.<sup>11</sup> He also had smith and turning tools. One source states that he was a Mennonite minister.<sup>12</sup>

Hans Witwer's undated will probated 12 March 1742 indicated his wife (unnamed) was still living. He had a son Michael, a daughter married to Wendel Holl, and a stepson Hans Gerbr [Gerber/Garber]. The will mentioned daughters and sons, though no others were named.<sup>13</sup>

Hans Witwer's widow was still living and unmarried in July, 1748, when visited by the Moravian missionary, George Hantsch.<sup>14</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book A:1:66, John Wittwer, probated 12 March 1741/42. This will is in German and is neither dated nor recorded. The original will is in the estate file box; compiler has photocopy and translation. Archives Division, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, PA.



<sup>2</sup>George Witwer and Ananias Clime Witwer, comps., *Witwer Genealogy in America* (Mishawaka, IN: Ananias Witwer, 1909), pp. 14-15.

<sup>3</sup>"Transcription of an unrecorded Lancaster County, PA, deed, George Martin to Wendel Holl, Henry Martin and Michael Widower," Menno S. Zimmerman Records, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster County, PA.

<sup>4</sup>Ernst Drumm, *Zur Geschichte der Mennoniten im Herzogtum, Pfalz-Zweibrücken* (Zweibrücken: Wilms-Druch, 1962), p. 29.

<sup>5</sup>Richard Warren Davis, *Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners: (An Aid to Mennonite Family Research)*, 3 vols. (Provo, UT: Author, 1995-1999), 1:402 and 2:46.

<sup>6</sup>Gary T. Hawbaker and Clyde L. Groff, *A New Index, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, before the Federal Census*, 5 vols. (Hershey, PA: Gary T. Hawbaker, 1981-1985), vol. 4: *Index to the 1718-1726 Tax Records of Chester County Relating to Areas Later Part of Lancaster County*, p. 53.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

<sup>8</sup>Clyde L Groff, Walter B. Groff and Jane Evans Best, *The Groff Book*, vol. 1 (Ronks, PA: Groff History Associates, 1985). Page 278 contains a photocopy of the original Isaac Taylor's Survey Book.

<sup>9</sup>*Pennsylvania Archives*. Third Series, 31 vols., comp. William H. Egle (Harrisburg, PA: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania [Clarence M. Busch], 1894-1899), 24:553.

<sup>10</sup>Patent to Wendel Hole for tract A-46-235, Earl Township, Lancaster County, PA. Pennsylvania State Archives, Land Division, Harrisburg, PA.

<sup>11</sup>Inventory of Hans Widwar, 8 and 9 March, 1741/2. Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, PA.

<sup>12</sup>Martin Herein Brackbill, "Peter Bezaillon's Road," *Papers of the Lancaster County Historical Society* 43 (1939):44.

<sup>13</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book A:1:66, Hans Witwer.

<sup>14</sup>Don Yoder, "Brother Hantsch Visits the Mennonites: A Moravian Missionary Diary of 1748" *The Pennsylvania Dutchman* 3 (November 1951):6.

Compiled by:

(Mrs. Sam) Elizabeth Meredith, C.G.  
1720 South Gessner Road  
Houston, Texas 77063

August, 1994

Additions: September, 2000

## FAMILY GROUP

Chart No. WITWER-1**HUSBAND:** WITWER/WIDOWER, Hans/JohnOccupation: Farmer.<sup>9</sup> See Note 1.

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	County/Province/State	State/Country	Misc. Information
Born:		abt	1680 <sup>8**</sup>	Wagebach?	Rheinland-Pfalz?	EUR	Probably immigrated pre-1718. <sup>6</sup>
Mar:							Stepson: Hans GEBR/GERBER. <sup>1</sup>
Died: (w. p.)	12	Mar	1742 <sup>1</sup>	Earl Township	Lancaster	PA	
Cemetery:							Religion: Mennonite
Father:	Hans WITWER <sup>8**</sup>			m. ca 1668 <sup>8</sup>		Mother: Anna <sup>8**</sup>	
	bpt.	20 Feb	1648 <sup>8</sup>	d.	alive 1709 <sup>8</sup>	b.	abt 1651 <sup>8</sup> d. alive 1709 <sup>8</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wife:	?	Mentioned, but not named in the will of Hans Witwer. <sup>1</sup> Alive July 1748. <sup>10</sup>					

**WIFE:** (1<sup>st</sup>)

Occupation:

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	County/Province/State	State/Country	Misc. Information
Born:							It is presumed, but not proven, that the
Died:	after	Jul	1748 <sup>10</sup>	Earl Township?	Lancaster?	PA?	children listed below were by a 1 <sup>st</sup> wife.
Cemetery:							Religion: Mennonite?
Father:				m.		Mother:	
	b.		d.			b.	d.

The children listed below were taken from the will of Hans Witwer; there may have been additional children. See Note 2.

CHILDREN & spouses	Event	Day	Mo.	Year	Town(ship)	County	State	Misc. Information
*1. Maria WITWER <sup>1</sup>	Born:		abt	1716 <sup>8</sup>		Lancaster	PA	
Wendel HOLL <sup>1</sup>	Mar:		abt	1738		Lancaster	PA	
b.	W. p.:	18	Feb	1802 <sup>3</sup>	Earl Township	Lancaster	PA	
d. Mar 1773 <sup>2</sup>								
2. Michael WITWER <sup>1</sup>	Born:		abt	1720 <sup>8</sup>		Lancaster	PA	Reference 5 on the following
(1)	Mar:							page indicates that Mary
b.								Sensenig was Michael Witwer's
(2) Maria SENSENIG <sup>4</sup>	Mar:							2 <sup>nd</sup> wife. W. p. 16 Feb 1785. <sup>7</sup>
b.	Died:		1778 <sup>5</sup>	Earl Township	Lancaster	PA		Bur: Witwer-Holl Cemetery.
3.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
4.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
5.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
6.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
7.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
8.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
9.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							
10.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b.	Died:							

References are found on the reverse side.

\*\*Not Proven.

REFERENCES - Chart No. Witwer-1

1. Lancaster County, PA, Will Book A:1:66, John Witwer, probated 12 Mar 1741/2. This will is in German and is not dated nor recorded. The original will is in the estate file box; this compiler has a copy and the translation. Archives Division, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, PA. All Lancaster County civil records are found at this location unless otherwise noted.
2. Ibid., C:1:196-198, Wendel Holl, 1 Mar 1773/1 Apr 1773.
3. Ibid., H:1:159-161, Mary Hoole/Hole, 8 Oct 1783/12 Feb 1802.
4. Lancaster County, PA, Deed Book A:3:573, 21 May 1785/7 Aug 1797.
5. George Witwer and Ananias Clime Witwer, comps., *Witwer Genealogy in America* (Mishawaka, IN: Ananias Witwer, 1909), pp. 14-15. Some early information in *The Witwer Genealogy in America* is not completely reliable.
6. Gary T. Hawbaker and Clyde L. Groff, *A New Index, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, before the Federal Census*, vol. 4, *Index to the 1718-1726 Tax Records of Chester County Relating to Areas Later Part of Lancaster County* (Hershey, PA: Gary T. Hawbaker, 1985), p. 53.
7. Lancaster County, PA, Will Book X-2-65, Michael Witwer, 17 Mar 1778/16 Feb 1785.
8. Richard Warren Davis, *Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners: (An Aid to Mennonite Family Research)*, 3 vols. (Provo, UT: by the Author, 1995-1999), 1:402.
9. Inventory of Hans Wittwer/Widwar, 8 and 9 March, 1741/42. Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, PA.
10. Don Yoder, "Brother Hantsch Visits the Mennonites: A Moravian Missionary Diary of 1748," *The Pennsylvania Dutchman* 3 (November 1951): 6.

## NOTES

1. According to Hans Witwer's inventory (reference 9 above), he had smith and turning tools and kept bees.
2. *The Witwer Genealogy in America* (reference 5 above) states that Michael Witwer had two bachelor brothers, Jacob and M\_\_\_\_, possibly Martin, and sisters Catharine and Elizabeth plus other siblings. If this is correct, they are not named in Hans Witwer's will, although some might have predeceased Hans.

Compiled by:

(Mrs. Sam) Elizabeth Meredith, C. G.  
 1720 South Gessner Road  
 Houston, Texas 77063 June, 1995