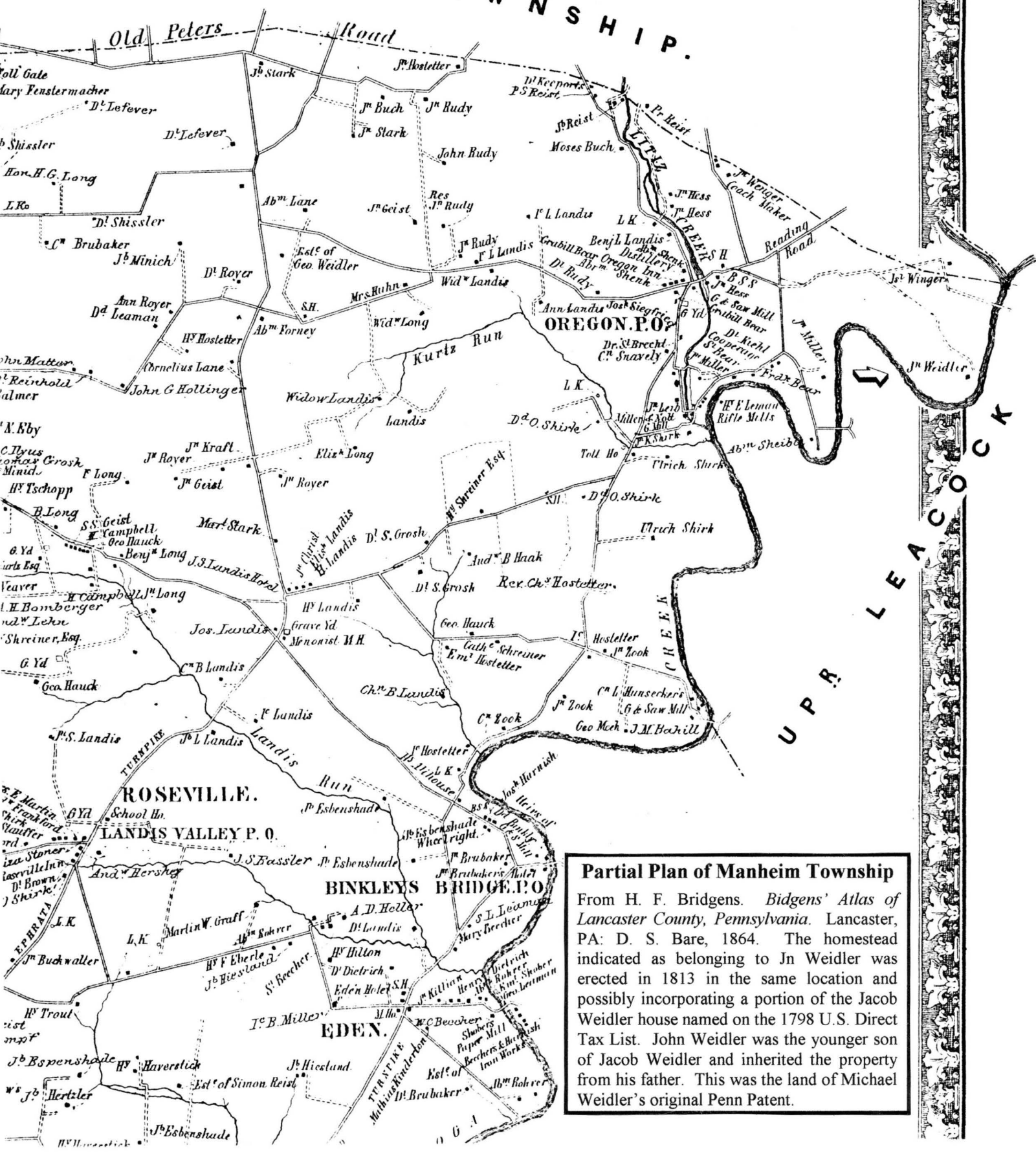


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### Partial Plan of Manheim Township

From H. F. Bridgens. *Bidgens' Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*. Lancaster, PA: D. S. Bare, 1864. The homestead indicated as belonging to Jn Weidler was erected in 1813 in the same location and possibly incorporating a portion of the Jacob Weidler house named on the 1798 U.S. Direct Tax List. John Weidler was the younger son of Jacob Weidler and inherited the property from his father. This was the land of Michael Weidler's original Penn Patent.

## JACOB WEIDLER 1748-1818 AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

No record was found that Jacob Weidler ever participated actively in the American Revolution. Quoting from *The Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783*, "On August, 1780, the county [Lancaster] was required to furnish 1,200 barrels of flour, monthly, 5,000 bushels of forage, 50 wagons, 400 horses, and 600 men." Jacob Weidler's name is on the list of those furnishing wagons in compliance with this demand.<sup>1</sup> There is the less likely possibility that this reference was to the son of Jacob's deceased brother John, who was also named Jacob Weidler and was also a resident of Lancaster County. Although he was only 22 years old at the time, he was the head of his household since the death of his father in 1775.

In the chapter on Manheim Township from Ellis and Evans *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*, Jacob Weidler's name appears on a 1777 list of Non-Associators, that is, those who were unwilling to take up arms in the American revolutionary cause.<sup>2</sup> While most of those on the list were of the Amish or Mennonite persuasion, these would not have included Jacob who was a member of the German Reformed Church.

The two records shown in the following page from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also do not indicate service during the Revolutionary period. The first is a True List, a list of those able-bodied men who were of an age to be eligible for service on 24 June 1782. The second records a fine levied against Jacob Weidler for failure to appear for a muster call in 1784 which was actually a year beyond the cessation of hostilities. It is not clear why the dates (1777-1780) appear under Remarks.

<sup>1</sup>Henry M. M. Richards, *The Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War*, Proceedings and Addresses: Pennsylvania German Society, vol. 17 (Lancaster, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1908), pp. 476-477.

<sup>2</sup>Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans, *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men* (Philadelphia: Everts & Peck, 1883.), p. 981.

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Class Roll  
Inactive Duty Militia

M/R  
Muster Roll  
WEIDLER, JACOB  
Rank  
Lieutenancy LANCASTER County. Battalion 8TH

P/R  
Pay Roll  
Company 7TH CAPT. MARTIN WEYBRIGHT Class 6TH

C/L  
Class List  
Remarks:  
Authority: TRUE LIST

DQT.  
Delinquent  
Date 24 JUNE, 1782 Muster Fines £ Published A(2)VII, 859-60

ABT  
Abated  
"Military Accounts: Militia," Records of the Comptroller General, RG-4

T/L  
True List  
THE BASIC RECORD DOES NOT PROVE ACTIVE DUTY.

SEC  
Supreme Executive Council  
Township of Residence:  
Manheim

N.D.  
No Date

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Pay Roll  
Company CAPT. DAVIS, Samuel 7th Class

C/L  
Class List  
Remarks: (1777-80)

DQT.  
Delinquent  
Authority: FINES LIST

ABT  
Abated  
Date AUG. 11, 1784 Muster Fines £ 2.0.0 Published

T/L  
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## JACOB WEIDLER and JACOB A. WEIDLER

Jacob Weidler was born 5 May 1748 in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the youngest son of Hans Michael and Anna Elizabeth (Klein) Weidler.<sup>1</sup>

About 1770 Jacob married Anna Weibrecht, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria Weibrecht.<sup>2</sup> Anna had been orphaned at an early age, and was the ward of Michael Weibrecht, husband of Jacob Weidler's sister Anna Weidler.<sup>3</sup>

Jacob Weidler was a farmer.<sup>4</sup> Most men of that era farmed besides whatever else they did for a living; it is not known if Jacob had another occupation. He and his family resided on the plantation in Manheim Township which he had inherited from his father.<sup>5</sup> Many immigrants from continental Europe continued the practice of ultimogeniture after coming to the Colonies. The youngest son (perhaps still a minor at his father's death) was ultimately expected to provide for the widow, receiving the plantation to guarantee her a home during her widowhood.

About five years after Jacob and Anna's marriage the American Revolution began. In 1777 Jacob Weidler's name appeared on a list from Manheim Township of non-associators (those not willing to serve the cause).<sup>6</sup> The name Jacob Weidler was found among those from Lancaster County who furnished wagons for Washington's Storehouse and Supply Depot.<sup>7</sup> These contributions may not have been entirely voluntary. In 1782 Jacob's name appeared on a true list, i.e., a list of those of an age and state of fitness available to serve.<sup>8</sup> In 1784 he was fined 5 pounds for failing to appear for muster.<sup>9</sup> No evidence was found that Jacob Weidler served in the Revolutionary War.

Jacob and Anna Weidler raised a family of five children, the three older being daughters, the two younger, sons. Jacob A. Weidler, born 24 January 1775, was the older of the two sons.<sup>10</sup>

Jacob A. Weidler was married about 1796 to Elizabeth Carpenter, daughter of Abraham and Esther (Heffer) Carpenter.<sup>11</sup> At first Jacob and Elizabeth resided in Earl Township, Lancaster County, near their parents. Shortly after 1800 they moved to Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania, where Jacob owned an inn.<sup>12</sup> The fact that Elizabeth's father was an innkeeper may have influenced the couple to choose this line of work.<sup>13</sup> What drew Jacob and Elizabeth to York County is not known.

By the time Jacob died 2 April 1814 at the relatively young age of 39, he and Elizabeth had eight children, Abraham, Jacob, Mary, Isaac, Reuben [our ancestor], Sarah, Esther and William, ranging in age from seventeen years down to two years.<sup>14</sup> York County Veteran's records indicate Jacob served in the war of 1812-1814, but these records lack documentation.<sup>15</sup> The possibility exists that Jacob was a casualty of the war. This is unlikely as he apparently died at home.

As Jacob A. Weidler died intestate, his wife Elizabeth and her brother Henry Carpenter were appointed his administrators. Jacob's liquid assets were insufficient to cover his debts and a portion of his land was exposed to auction. Among his debtors was his father Jacob Weidler, Sr.<sup>16</sup>

When Jacob and Elizabeth's oldest son Abraham reached adulthood in 1820 the remaining land was disposed of.<sup>17</sup> Elizabeth died on 16 December 1821 while most of the children were still minors, and their uncle Henry Carpenter became guardian of these minor children.<sup>18</sup> Apparently Elizabeth did not have all she needed to raise her children as her father Abraham Carpenter's will stated that she had drawn on her inheritance before her death, the amount of which must be deducted from what her children were to receive from her portion of his estate.<sup>19</sup>

Jacob Weidler, Sr. had died on 3 June 1818 leaving a will which in effect disinherited the children of his son Jacob A. Weidler, the youngest of whom was only six years old.<sup>20</sup> Although according to York County Court records some of the debt owed by Jacob A. Weidler's estate to Jacob, Sr. had been repaid, apparently according to Jacob Sr's will £200 was still outstanding.<sup>21</sup>

The will instructed the executors that the children of the testator's deceased son Jacob were to receive £200 to be divided among them, provided the £200 still owed by their father's estate was repaid by his administrators before the date of Jacob Sr's death. The debt was not repaid and they did not receive the bequest. Jacob Weidler, Sr. was a wealthy man who left large sums of money and in some cases land to his surviving children. Additionally his will instructed his executors to forgive a debt of £1150 owed to him by his younger son.<sup>22</sup> It is unlikely it shall ever become known what so prejudiced Jacob Weidler, Sr. against the children of his son Jacob, since they were only children and not responsible for the debts of their father's estate.

Jacob Weidler, Sr's wife, Anna (Weibrecht) Weidler, died on 3 April 1821.<sup>23</sup> In her will, except for a small bequest to her surviving son John, she instructed that her estate be divided equally among her three surviving children (one daughter had died without issue) and the children of her deceased son Jacob.<sup>24</sup> Although her estate was pitifully small compared to that of her husband Jacob, Anna distributed what she had impartially.

The children of Jacob A. Weidler did not fare well in respect to their inheritance from their maternal grandfather either. Although Abraham Carpenter bequeathed them the remainder of what would have been their deceased mother's share of his estate, his executor failed to fulfil this obligation even after he was found negligent by the court.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Records of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kirchartt, Baden, Germany, and Records of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster (City), PA.

<sup>2</sup>Records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Lancaster (City), PA. Anna Weibrecht's birth is recorded here, but her mother's surname is not included, nor is her parent's marriage.

<sup>3</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Misc. Book 1754-1759:84, 31 October 1757. Archives Division, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, PA. All Lancaster County civil records are at this location unless otherwise noted.

<sup>4</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book M:1:149, Jacob Weidler, 14 April 1818/11 July 1818. Jacob is identified as "yeoman."

<sup>5</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book C:1:284, Michael Weidler, 14 June 1769/4 September 1770.

<sup>6</sup>Ellis, Franklin and Samuel Evans, *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: Everts & Peck, 1882), p. 981.

<sup>7</sup>Henry M. M. Richards, *The Pennsylvania German in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783* (Lancaster, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1908), pp. 476-477.



<sup>8</sup>*Pennsylvania Archives*, Fifth Series, 8 vols., comp. Thomas L. Montgomery, (Harrisburg, PA: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania [Harrisburg Publishing Co.], 1906-1907), 7:859-860.

<sup>9</sup>Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, PA, to the compiler, 22 April 1981.

<sup>10</sup>Records of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster (City), PA, and Lancaster County, PA, Will Book M:1:149.

<sup>11</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Misc. Book 1822-1825:161 and St. James Anglican Church, Lancaster, PA [marriages].

<sup>12</sup>York County, PA, Inventory of Jacob Weidler, 22 April 1814/16 May 1814. York County Courthouse, York, PA. All York County civil records are at this location.

<sup>13</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book P:1:329-323, Abraham Carpenter, 9 June 1826/28 April 1829.

<sup>14</sup>York County, PA, Orphans Court Records, Book N:86-87, Jacob Weidler, 8 August 1820.

<sup>15</sup>York County, PA, Office of Veterans' Affairs, York, PA.

<sup>16</sup>York County, PA, Administration Accounts, Jacob Weidler, 10 August 1815.

<sup>17</sup>York County, PA, Orphans Court Records, Book N:86-87.

<sup>18</sup>Tombstone inscription from Carpenter Church Cemetery, West Earl Township, Lancaster County, PA, read by the compiler in October, 1980 and Lancaster County, PA, Misc. Book 1822-1825:161.

<sup>19</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book P:1:329-323.

<sup>20</sup>Tombstone inscription from the cemetery of Salem United Church of Christ, Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County, PA, and Lancaster County, PA, Will Book M:1:149, Jacob Weidler.

<sup>21</sup>York County, PA, Administration Account, Jacob Weidler, 10 August 1815, and Lancaster County, PA, Will Book M:1:149.

<sup>22</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book M:1:149.

<sup>23</sup>Tombstone inscription from the cemetery of Salem United Church of Christ, Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County, PA.

<sup>24</sup>Lancaster County, PA, Will Book M:1:524, Anna Weidler, 3 August 1820/30 April 1821.

<sup>25</sup>Lancaster County, Will Book P:1:329-323, and Lancaster County, PA, District Court Appearance Docket 8:66, September Term, 1837..

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TABLE II:

## Alphabetical List, 1749-1806

Name	Date	Town/Twp	Source
Trippet, Joseph -THI-b	1780	—	12-125
Truxal, John	1787	Cumberland	
Tucker, Tempest	1791-98, 1800-04	Paradise	
Turner, Alexander	1791, 1801-04	Chanceford	
Turner, Alexander	1801	Hopewell	
Turner, Alexander -THI-i	1795	Chanceford	W-70
Twells, Daniel -THI-f	1778	—	11-80
Tyler, Edward	1801	Warrington	
<b>U</b>			
Uhler, Andrew	1775	Manchester	
Underwood, Elihu	1785	Warrington	
Updegraff, Ambrose	1758, 1763	York	B:5-49
Upp, Jacob	1784-98, 1800-06	York	
<b>V</b>			
Venus, Frederick	1805-06	Hopewell	
<b>W</b>			
Wagner, Frederick -THI-g	1778	—	11-75
Wagner, John	1762, 1768	Germany	
Wagner, Philip	1783	Manchester	
Wagner, Philip -THI-g	1798	—	W-220
Walker, Benjamin	1782	York	
Wallace, Hugh	1761	—	
Wallace, Joseph -B/Cy	1768	York	
Walter, Henry	1785-86	York	
Walter, Nicholas	1786	Heidelberg	
Waltermeyer, Philip	1778, 1789-1804	York	
Waltermeyer, Philip -B/Cy	1788	York	
Walton, Elisha	1797	Fawn	
Walton, Elisha -THI-a	1800	Fawn	X-92
Wampler, Lewis	1801-04	York	
Wanbach, Philip	1797	—	
Weakfield, John	1781	Newberry	
Wealler, Henry -THI-b	1781	—	12-225
Wear, Sarah -THI-g	1800	—	X-67
Weaver, Abraham -THI-a	1794	—	W-13
Weaver, John -THI-g	1785	—	14-7
Weems, Thomas	1783	Mt. Joy	
Weeny, Mary -THI-g	1784	—	13-207
→ Weidler, Jacob	1804-05	Shrewsbury	
Weigle, Jacob	1778-1806	Dover	
Weir, James	1778, 1780-81, 1784	Straban	
Weiser, Martin	1801-03, 1805-06	York	
Weist, Michael	1805-06	Paradise	
Welsh, Henry	1780-91	Heidelberg	
Welsh, Jacob -THI-a	1758	—	5-44
Welsh, John	1778	Shrewsbury	
Welsh, Michael	1795-1805	York	
Welsh, Michael -B/Cy	1786-91	York	
Welsh, Peter	1778-82	Heidelberg	

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1814

Inventory  
of the Estate  
of Jacob Weidler  
and

Filed May 16 1814

York County, PA, Inventory of the estate of Jacob Weidler

20 April 1814/16 May 1814

Jacob Weidler's ownership of an inn was responsible for the unusually large size of this inventory.



Inventory of all and singular the goods  
and chattes, Rights and Credits which were

of Jacob Weidner Late of York County

Entrepreneur besides of such and so much  
of the Goods and Effects as have come to  
our hands knowledge and possession

Appraised by us the Subscribers

The 22<sup>d</sup> day of April Anno 1814—

Jacob Keyfer — £ s d  
Peter Brillhart

3 Bung hooks or forks	0	6	0
3 hay forks	0	5	7 1/2
3 Shovels	0	6	0
1 Bung hook	0	1	10 1/2
3 Rakes	0	1	0
Toll of plaster and Barrel	0	15	0
Old Hogsheds	0	0	6
Lime and Barrel	0	1	0
one Windmill	5	12	6
1 p <sup>r</sup> Hobbles	0	3	0
1 hay fork	0	1	0
1 cutting box	1	2	6
1 Saddle and Basket & Bitchbands	0	7	6
2 Cruppers	1	2	6
<del>2 blindhalters</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>0</del>
2 do	0	7	6
<del>2 Chollers</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>6</del>
2 do	0	3	9

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