Mar. 5, 1983

Dear Ruth,

My first volume of The Kershner Families of Maryland arrived yesterday and I am astounded at the amount of research and preparation you must have done!

As for my Magdalena, whom I believe to be a daughter of Jeremias, son of Conrad and Catherine Beck, I have found an obit of Lydia Kerschner Swander, sister of Magdalena. It gives Lydia's birth date as 28 Feb. 1807, and this corresponds exactly with information in Surname Index to Kerschner Geneological Data in the Carrier Clearinghouse booklet. In there Lydia's birth date is given, and her parents — Jeremias and Margareth — She is under the Kirschners. This

information was supplied by Herb Ba
It also gives Magdalena Kerschner, b.
2 July 1800, parents Jeremias and Marg

I still don't know if this is enou
to prove my Magdalena's parentage,
but the coincidences would be unbel
able otherwise. Lydia's obit says s
was born in Lehigh Co. Penn., came t
Fairfield Co. Ohio with her family (ab
1821-1822
would have been about 14-15) and
after marrying David Swander, came
Shelby Co. Ohio (1832). In Shelby Co, Lyd
and David Swander were sponsors for
Magdalena and Andrew Moothart's ~~ft~~
daughter, Lydia, when she was baptized.
I believe I sent you the paper I made
up on Magdalena.

Another question — Jeremias Kersch
birth date is given as 10 August 1758 — b
sponsors are mentioned. Isn't it mor
likely that this is a baptismal date,

and if he were born in December 1757 this would correspond with his age at death in Fairfield Co. Ohio.

I have also found the place where Magdalena died. I knew she had gone to Illinois with her daughter Lydia Boyer. I was lucky and found her in Macon Co. Ill. but she had remarried - John Schiff. She died in March 1889 at the age of 88 years.

I have researchers looking in Fairfield Co. Ohio and Macon Co. Ill. Maybe someone will find more information. I am in contact with a number of people who are descended from Magdalena and Lydia.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Carlson

Kathryn Carlson
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Mrs. Ruth Bounds Kershner
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Austin, Texas 78746

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Escape

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16 May 1982

Bill, this is separate so you can file it with other correspondence of George Kirschner b 1722, wf Maria Margaretha, son Casper.

kI am convinced that George Kirschner/Kershner was not in Berks County when he is supposed to have died. There are simply no references to his estate, administration, or any of the other details that are found in the same set of Orphan's Court records for other decedents at that period.

If he had left a will or administration in any other place, and had an estate or property to be distributed, the regular course would have been for papers from the other place to be filed in Berks.

It is quite possible that the guardianships were required to protect Anna Maria and Conrad, over 16 but under 18, not in the distribution of George's estate, but perhaps their grandfather's. We do not know at this time who Maria Margaretha's father was, but ~~mainly~~ his grandchildren might have inherited without being named in a will.

I don't think we can even assume that Maria Margaretha was not present in Berks Co. in 1768. Usually, when men went off to look for new homes, they left their families behind until they had located a place and built a cabin. If you are familiar with Kegley's Virginia Frontier and other sources, Indians raided and carried off many a settler, sometimes holding them for ransom. Casper Kershner's wife was carried off as a child in Kentucky, but finally returned. This was all too common. Word that George was MIA could easily have filtered back through the Lincolns or other Berks Co. emigrants to the Virginia backwoods. George gives me the impression that he was not the settled type. There is a hint of near-bribery in Johannes' will, where Conrad was to give George less if he did not stay for one year more until he was of ~~full~~ legal age. And a strong suggestion that he and Martin's oldest son, Conrad, took out after the Indians in 1756.

Anna Maria could have been thinking about marrying, and ~~George may~~ her brother Conrad about entering, or continuing, an apprenticeship, in 1768. His uncle,' (and guardian), Conrad I, had several children who had trades. Jeremiah was a tanner, I recall. The other uncle, Martin b 1703, had a 21-year-old son who was a blacksmith, Peter b 1747.

If Margaret Karsner Murphy weren't so impatient to declare positively that her George, Margaret, and Casper where the same as the George, Margaret and Casper of Berks Co., I'd feel a lot better about saying probably. Other known Kershners in PA. simply did not arrive early enough.to have provided those Virginia pioneers, and to set them down among other settlers with Berks Co. connections.

I can see that your cataloging method does not have provision for lines that still need proof of immigration from one place to another. What are you doing about Jeremiah Kershner, the tanner? George C. said he and his wife were said to be buried in Schuylkill Co. They did have a child baptised there. But Jeremiah subsequently lived in Hamburg, then Lehigh Co., where other children were baptised. Next, there is an old Jeremiah in Ohio, with a son who was born in Lehigh Co. while Jeremiah the tanner was the only Kershner in the tax list. Are you accepting this? What provision do you have for indicating where more research is needed? This troubles me.

Ruth - 6 April

Nothing new lately, just want to pass these maps along. Notice on the 3 County map how close Kirshner's & Alspach's were.

More later - Ruth B -

24 Feb 1979
Sent copy of Twp map of Berks Co list of Twps & history index to admin's of Daniel + 2 Kershners, Whitfield Twp, Lancaster Co in 1842-185

Dodge City, Kansas
26 December 1978

Dear Ruth,

Got Christmas all under my belt (where I don't need it) and have a little breathing spell before the wedding and New Years, so will get this material off to you. I do hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and are headed for a great new year.

Just a while back, I saw an advertisement about Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Delaware, which was to be decorated especially for Christmas, using decorations according to the times. I talked Leona, my sister, into going to see it. She said she would never be able to get reservations, so I told her to tell them that she was a descendant of Conrad Kershner. Well, she did just that, and got tickets. They didn't ask her which Conrad, or for any other proof. She said it was pretty crowded, and she would like to go back again. She is also sending a booklet which will give me more details, but this is the report she gave me. "Winterthur was great!!! And--not only did we see the Kershner parlor, but the kitchen, the bakehouse, and the door to the upstairs behind which are pictures of the old house. Even the outside of the house is there! The Christmas tree was the top of a holly and it was sitting on the table with a wooden fence around it. In the wealthier homes the fence would have been made of gingerbread. Animals were within the fence and the tree was decorated with cookies hanging by strings. The better cookies were placed on the lower part of the "tree" because the children got first choice." I think this was a grand time for her to visit, and if I ever get back that way again, I want to be sure to go and see it.

I am enclosing several items for you. The findings of the Direct Tax List of 1798, which mention lots of names of interest to all of us. Don't mind the markings on them, this is the way Leona and I converse. Do notice that Jeremiah Kershner is listed in Manheim township, along with Conrad and John, as well as Jacob Alspach and George Graul, who went to Ohio together. I may be wrong, but I believe Manheim was originally in Berks township, then went to Schuykill in 1811, when that county was formed. Orwigsburg, where Red Church was located, is here. I really need to find a map of the townships of Berks county before Berks was divided. You will find many names listed here, which are connected to all of our families. The dwelling sheets do not have as many names listed. Not all the tax records were available, as many have been destroyed by time, many others were not even readable. Cumru township, where our Warners were was not available at all.

I also got some more census listings. I still need to get PA 1810 and 1820. I did find 1800, and Jeremiah's family has increased by 2 more boys and 2 more girls, making a family of 7 children by 1800. I also got the 1830 census of Fairfield county Ohio, and found Daniel Cashner, my gt gt grandfather. Daniel is listed as "Cashner" on all the census. Also note the Jacob Karshner listed on line 18. These lines were not numbered, but I numbered mine to show who was living next to whom. The Jonathan Glick, you will remember, married Catherine Kershner, according to the History of Fairfield county, which I sent you last time. Since the 1800 census shows 3 sons under 10, born 1790-1800, this Jacob Karshner would sure fit there as one of the sons. I did combine the families of Jeremias of PA and Jeremiah of OH, like you said, and came up with a pretty good possible family. I am enclosing a copy of this too, but keep in mind its just supposition. There is just a little confusion about the 3 sons under 10, so I feel this is in child # 3 and the age difference being according to when the census was taken.

The lady I wrote to about doing research for me in Ohio, is unable to do it, but she sent the address of another lady who will do it. So, I have written to her. Surely, sooner or later, I can get some answers to some of my problems.

I got a letter from my 2nd cousin, Harold Hines, who lives near Amanda, Ohio. He is definitely not interested in genealogy, but he did tell me that there was no Glick Cemetery in Fairfield county, that he knew of. This means that it has either been destroyed (heaven forbid) or has been renamed. I am sure that it did exist at one time however, because my records were taken from a book in the library at Lancaster.

About the baptisim of Catarina, daughter of Jonathan and Catherine (Alspach) Kershner - I don't know whether that George Algspach could have been the father of my Rebecca or not. He was born in 1778, so would have been 20 years old. There was another George Alspach living in the same area, and I believe he could have been a brother of Jacob Alspach, father of my George. I think its more likely it would have been the older George, what do you think? Would you like copies of my census findings for 1800 and 1810 in PA, or have I sent them to you. I forget, unless I write it down. 1800 has the families listed in groups, male and female, ages, under 10; 10-16; 16-26; 45 and over. For 1810 I just have the county and township along with the page number (in case I ever get the microfilm).

We also have a maiden name now for Rebecca's mother, Annarosina WERNER. Just what we need, a Werner to confuse with our Warner, who is already confused with the Werners. Know what I mean?

I will wait to fill in the names of Daniels and Rebeccas children on your chart, because I don't have all the dates on them yet. I will include what I have on them, so far, with this letter. Most dates have been taken from the census listings, but they are fairly close. I have a lady in Dayton, Ohio, who is supposed to be getting b, m and d dates for me.

All for this time, got lots of work that needs to be done. Sure hope that '79 will bring me lots of answers about my family. Will pass on anything else that I find. Hope you have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love,

Ruth

RLB

JEREMIAS/JEREMIAH KERSHNER

Census listings

1790 PA Berks county, Windsor township

Kirschner, Jeremiah	1	2	2	(2boys, 1 girl, under 16)

1800 PA Northampton county
Kershner, Jeremiah — 31001-21001
(3 boys, under 10
(1 boy, 10-16
(1 male, 45 and over
(2 girls, under 10
(1 girl, 10-16
(1 female, 45 and over

1810 PA Northampton county, Whitehall township
Kershner, Jeremias

1820 PA Lehigh county, South Whitehall township
Kershner, Jeremiah

1830 OHIO Bloom township, Fairfield county (excepting towns)

(not numbered on census)

	Jonathan Alspach	pg 163	110001	011001
	Henry Glick	164	1101001	~~10201~~ 102101
	Benjamin Glick		31001	10001
18	Jacob Karshner	165	000001	-----
19	David Wright			
20	James Wright			
21	Jonathan Glick		112011	120001
22	Daniel Cashner		10001	10001
23	Elijah Clark			
24	Neal Clark			
	Daniel Glick	166	0020001	110010001

The age groups on above are: under 5; 5-10-; 10-15; 15-20; 20-30 etc.

Jacob Karshner would be in the 30-40 age group, born 1790-1800

Daniel Cashner and Rebecca are aged 20-30, born 1800-1810
Children listed are George born ca 1828 and Hannah born 5 Aug 1829.

By putting Jeremias of PA together with Jeremiah of OH, according to church records and census records, and county history accounts, this is a possible family:

1 1783 Anna Margaret, d 18 July 1846, bu Glick Cemetery

2 ca 1785 Son

3 ca 1790 Son

By 1790, PA Census, Jeremiah had 2 sons and 1 daughter

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4 8 Jan 1794 Jeremiah

5 1796 Catherine, m Jonathan Glick, d 1882, bu Glick Cemetery

6 3 July 1798 Elizabeth

7 1795-1800 Son (Maybe Jacob, listed unmarried 1830 Fairfield co OH census

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By 1800, PA Census, Jeremiah had 3 sons under 10, b 1790-1800 (#7, 4, 3)
1 son, 10-16, b 1784-1790 (#2)
2 dau, under 10, b 1790-1800 (#6, 5)
1 dau, 10-16, born 1784-1790 (#1)

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8 2 July 1800 Magdalena

9 25 Sep 1803 Daniel, m Rebecca Alspaugh, d 29 May 1880, bu Glick Cemetery

For Ruth Kershner -

Children of Daniel and Rebecca (Alspaugh) Kershner:

1. George, b ca 1828. m Elizabeth ___ . Had 4 children (only have 3). No d dates.

   Clara m ___ Carey ~~Caldwell~~. He died when Clara's son, Fox, was about 2 years old. Clara was a stenographer for Franklin County Court. Clara d 1935. Fox died when about 30 years old.

   Dora, m ____ Caldwell. No children. Dora was a fine dressmaker.

   John, unmarried. Was murdered. No information.

2. Hannah, b 5 Aug 1829, Bloom twp, Fairfield county OH. m James Aaron Warner Have family sheets, showing 11 children.

3. Isreal, b 24 Aug 1832 (probably Pickaway co) Died at age 19 in 1850. Buried in Glick Cemetery, Fairfield co OH.

4. John, b ca 1835. m Mary Hughes. Moved to Illinois, then Missouri. He died about Aug 1920, Mary died July 1917. Children:

   Madilla, married ____Brown. She died 1940, had 3 children.

   Sallie, m J. D. Hooper, lived Nevada, MO. Had 3 boys and 3 girls

   Bettie, m Harper Howard, had 4 sons, 1 daughter

   Kate, m ___ ___. Had 2 sons, Cecil and Ivan.

5. Joseph, b ca 1835. m Saloma Neihizr, lived Greencastle, Ohio. Children:

   3 infants are buried in Glick Cemetery

   Mary, b ca 1868

   Donnis (Don) unmarried, was a doctor at Lithopolis.

6. Levi, b ca 1839, m 26 Jan 1861 Elizabeth Laugenbaugh, lived Camp Chase, Ohio, or Columbus. Children:

   Walter, m and had son
   Ida, unmarried
   Ora, unmarried
   Effie
   Fannie
   Ollie
   Burleigh (Burl) Worked for street car company in Columbus. m and had at least 1 boy and 1 girl.

7. Emanuel b ca 1843, m Lavina Broom, lived Pana, IL. Had at least 1 child Emanuel died in Kansas, but home was in IL. Lavina d 1937, Tower Hill, IL, aged 93.

8. Lewis (louis) b ca 1845, lived in N or S Carolina. No information

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Microcopy 372, Roll 10

Direct Tax List for the State of Pennsylvania, 4th District Tax Division 1798

from Ruth Blanton

Berks Co, PA

Occupants	Owners	Number of Dwelling Houses	Value of Dwelling Houses	Rates of Assessment	Assessment Dollars/Cents $	¢	mill
MAXATAWNY TWP.							
Widow Grofs	Braun Frederick	1	187½	2/10		37	
	Fenstermacher, Peter	1	500	2/10	1		
	Grofs, David	1	612½	2/10		82	5
	Grofs, Joseph	1	1031¼	4/10	4	12	5
	Kelchners, Jacob	1	687½	3/10	2	6	
Daniel Christ	Miller, Philip	1	250	2/10		50	
BETHEL TWP.							
	Graff, George	1	315	2/10		65	
	Graff, George, Michael	1	341¼	2/10		68	
	Krist, Conrad	1	183-3/4	2/10		36	7
	Kerschnitz, Christian	1	210	2/10		42	
PINEGROVE TWP.							
	Kershner, Jonathan Blatt, John	2	160	2/10		42	
	Hubler, Jacob	1	130	2/10		26	
Hubler, Jacob, Jun.	Jacob Miller in Tulpehocken	1	115	2/10		23	
MANHEIM TWP.							
	Alspach, Jacob	1	420	2/10		84	
	Graul, George	1	345	2/10		63	
	Kershner, John	1	157½	2/10		31	5
	Kershner, Conrad	1	420	2/10		84	
	Kershner, Jeremiah	1	105	2/10		21	
	Reber, John	1	157½	2/10		31	5
LONGSWAMP TWP.							
	Fenstermacher, Jacob	1	337½	2/10		67	5
	Fenstermacher, Christian	1	150	2/10		30	
	Fenstermacher, John	1	537½	3/10	1	61	2½
	Fenstermacher, Daniel	1	337½	2/10		67	5
	Fenstermacher, Joseph	1	575	3/10	1	72	5
	Kercher, John	1	275	2/10		55	
	Kershner, Frederick	1	500	2/10	1		
HAMBURGH-WINDSOR TWP.							
	Allspach, Philip	1	200	2/10		40	
	Balthazer, Henry	1	101	2/10		20	
	Hix, Conrad	1	600	3/10	1	80	
	Hollebach, Henry	1	150	2/10		30	
	Hollebuck, Conrad	1	500	2/10	1		
	Kercher, Daniel	1	700	3/10	2	10	
Israel Gr?un	Kelshner, Peter	1	2000	1/10	8		
	Kerschner, Conrad	1	800	3/10	2	40	
Daniel Kerschner	do do	1	150	2/10		30	
	Kershner, Martin	1	150	2/10		30	
	Rodermel, Leonard	1	105	2/10		21	
	Reber, John	1	200	2/10		40	
	Reber, George	1	600	3/10	1	80	

ANNEXED TO WINDSOR TWP. IN BOOK A:							
	Reber, George		450	2/10		90	
ALBANY TWP.							
	Glicke, Henry	1	672½	2/10		94	5
Philip Shnider	Glicke, Henry	1	131¼	2/10		26	2½
	Glick, Daniel	1	262½	2/10		52	5
Adam Gulegunst	Glick, Daniel	1	472½	2/10		94	5
GREENWICH TWP.							
	Christ, John	1	105	blot		21	
	Christ, Jacob	1	blot	blot	1	65	
The Father	Christ, Jacob	blot	blot	2/10		40	
BRUNSWICK TWP.							
	Alspach, Henry	1	525	2/10	1	57	5
	Bollebach, Nicholas	1	210	2/10		62	
	Raush, George, Senr.	1	472½	2/10		94	5
BERN TWP.							
	Christ, Conrad	1	800	3/10	2	40	
	Graff, Jacob	1	600	3/10	1	80	
	Graff, Sebastian	1	600	2/10		80	
John Kelchner	Gehr, Baltzer	1	300	2/10		60	
	Huber, John	1	400	2/10		80	
	Kershner, Anthony	1	500	2/10	1		
	Kershner, Peter	1	1000	3/10	3		
Adam Weldon	Kershner, Peter	1	150	2/10		30	
	Reber, Thomas	1	1400	4/10	5	60	
	Reber, Valentine	1	600	3/10	1	80	
John Miller	Reber, Thomas	1	400	2/10		80	
	Rieser, Philip	2	900	3/10	2	70	
	Rieser, Jacob	1	1000	3/10	3		
	Rieser, Henry	2	400	2/10		80	
	Umbenhauer, Francis	1	1000	3/10	3		
	Umbenhauer, Thomas	1	300	2/10		60	
	Umbenhauer, John	1	200	2/10		40	

MAXATAWNY TWP.--Tax list upon lands in 2d Assessment District, 4th Division:

		Value of each tract, lot, &c.	Rate of Assessment	$	¢	mills
	Christ, John, sheriff	15	--	-	2	8½
	Fenstermacher, Peter	1225	--	2	32	7½
	Grofs, David	1557½	--	2	95	9½
	Grofs, Joseph	2590	--	4	92	1
	Kelchner, Jacob	31¼	--	-	5	9½
BETHEL TWP.						
	Graff, George	665	--	-	84	5½
	Graff, George and Michael	108	--	-	20	5
	Krist, Conrad	400	--	-	76	-
	Kerschnitz, Christian	430	--	-	81	7
	Rohrer, Jacob	1100	--	2	9	-
	Rohrer, Godfrey, jun.	1625	--	2	70	7½
	Rohrer, Godfrey	116	--	-	22	½
	Reber, Conrad	562	--	1	6	8
PINEGROVE TWP.						
	Christ, Simon	250	--	-	47	5
	Huber, Henry	600	--	1	14	-
Jacob Miller	Hubler, Jacob, jr.	128	--	-	24	3½

MANHEIM TWP.						
	Alspach, Jacob	700	--	1	33	-
	Graul, George	796	--	1	51	2½
	Kershner, Conrad	1570	--	2	98	3
	Kershner, John	595	--	1	13	-
Michael Mergel	Do	600	--	1	14	-
	Kershner, Jeremiah	666	--	1	26	5½
	Reber, John	995	--	1	89	2½
	Raush, Jacob	300	--	-	57	-
LONGSWAMP TWP.						
	Christ, Laurence	270	--	-	51	3
	Finstermacher, Jacob	832½	--	1	58	2
	Finstermacher, Christian	1023-3/4	--	1	94	5½
	Finstermacher, John	1023-3/4	--	1	94	5½
	Finstermacher, Daniel	857½	--	1	62	9½
	Finstermacher, Joseph	832½	--	1	58	2
WINDSOR TWP.						
	Alspach, Philip	1200	--	2	28	-
	Balthazer, Henry	288	--	-	54	7
	Hix, Conrad	50	--	-	9	5
	Kershner, Martin	990	--	1	88	1
	Kershner, Conrad	3576	--	6	79	4½
	Reber, John	1800	--	3	42	-
	Reber, George	2000	--	3	80	-
	Raush, Henry	1500	--	2	85	-
	Do	70	--	-	13	3
	Unterkoffler, Michael	400	--	-	76	-
LAND ANNEXED TO WINDSOR TWP. IN BOOK B:						
	Alspach, Michael	1000	--	1	90	-
	Alspach, David	900	--	1	71	-
	Conrad, Peter	900	--	1	71	-
	Kershner, John	300	--	-	57	-
ALBANY TWP.						
	Glick, Henry	520	--	1	98	8
Philip Shneider	Do	480	--	-	91	2
	Glick, Daniel	1700	--	3	23	-
GREENWICH TWP.						
	Christ, Jacob	750	--	1	42	5
	Christ, John	600	--	1	16	-
BRUNSWICK TWP.						
	Alspach, Henry	2966	2	5	59	3
	Bollebach, Nicholas	387	--	-	73	5½
	Raush, George	1603	--	3	6	5½
	Do	513	--	-	97	5
	Raush, George, Jr.	1170	--	2	22	3
	Rauch, Peter	150	--	-	28	5
BERN TWP.						
	Conrad, Joseph	3600	--	6	86	-
Conrad Holebach	Christ, Conrad	;7--	--	2	66	-
	Christ, Conrad	1300	--	2	67	-
	Groff, Jacob	1500	--	2	85	-
	Greff, Sebastian	1800	--	3	42	-
	Huber, John	1800	--	3	42	-
	Kershner, Anthony	1800	--	3	42	-
	Kershner, Peter	2600	--	6	94	-
Adam Woloons	Kershner, Peter	1400	--	2	66	-
	Reber, Thomas	5800	--	11	2	-
	Reber, Valentine	2400	--	4	56	-

Ruth Blurton
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Dodge City, Kansas 67801
December 15, 1978

Dear Ruth and Stuart,

A special Christmas wish to both of you, as well as best wishes for the New Year. Especially, I want to say a big THANK YOU, for all the help you have given me this year. I plan to stick on Jeremiah until I either prove or disprove him as my relative.

Time just vanishes in December, and as usual I am rushing to get everything done. The hurrier I go, the behinder I get. I don't have time to send my latest findings, but I will get them off to you just as soon as I can. I have the census listings for 1830 in Fairfield county. Leona was able to get some of the 1798 Direct Tax List of PA, so I will be sending those too. All the townships for Berks county were not available, but she got what she could. As she has time, she will check the neighboring counties. She says they are extremely hard to read. At any rate, I will get this stuff off to you shortly.

I have never heard from the lady in Ohio about whether she will do research for me or not. I realize this is a very poor time to be writing to strangers about genealogy. Surely, I will hear from her after Christmas. I do thank you for the summary you wrote about Jeremiah of PA. It sure puts all the information in a nutshell. I also like the way you make up your charts. I had already combined the families of Jeremiah of PA and of OH, and did come up with a pretty good family. Found on a PA census where there was one more boy born before 1800, but I think I found him in Ohio. No use going into all this right now, as you won't know what I am talking about until I get my charts.

All for this time. Do enjoy the holidays. Hope Santa will pack your stockings with all kinds of goodies. More as soon as I have time.

Love

Ruth

24 Nov 1978
Microcopy 372, Roll 10

vania, 4th District Tax Division, 1798.

Names of Occupants or Possessors	Names of Reputed Owners	Dwelling Houses and Out-Houses of a Value Exceeding One Hundred Dollars: Number of Dwelling Houses	Value: Dollars	Cents	Quantities of Land, Lots, &c., Exempt from Valuation: Acres	Perches	Square Feet	Lands, Lots, &c., Subject to and Included in the Valuation: Acres	Perches	Square Feet	Valuations as Determined by the Principal Assessors, Including Dwelling Houses, &c., not Exceeding $100 in Value: Dollars	Cents	1 Rate of Percentum Prescribed by the Commissioners: Dollars	Cents	2 Valuations as Revised and Equalized by the Commissioners: Dollars	Cents	3 Whole Valuations of Lands Belonging to or Possessed by One Person: Dollars	Cents
I.	Alspach, Henry, Brunswick Twp., Berks Co.							368 acres			$2,944							
	Bollebach, Nicholas "							129 "			387							
	Faust, Philip, Sr. "							149 "			894							
	Fahl, John "							200 "			1,600							
	Faust, Peter "							113 "			791							
	Faust, Philip, Jr. "							196 "			1,176							
	Hufer, Henry "							200 "			600							
	Rauch, George, Sr. "							229 "			1,603							
								114 "			573							
	Rauch, George, Jr. "							195 "			1,170							
	Rauch, Peter "							50 "			150							

General list of lands, lots, buildings, and wharves, owned, possessed, or occupied on the first day of October, 1798, within Brunswick Township in the Second District composed of Berks County, being within the 4th Division in the State of Pennsylvania, excepting only such dwelling houses as, with the Out-Houses appurtenant thereto, and the Lots on which they are erected, not exceed- two acres in any case, are above the value of One Hundred Dollars.

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irect Tax List for the State of Pennsylvania, 4th District Tax Division,
erks County, 1798.

ne of the Occupant or Possessor	Name of the Owner	Number of Dwelling Houses and Out-Houses of a Value not Exceeding $100	Dimensions of Dwelling Houses and Out-Houses	Number and Description of Other Buildings and Wharves	Quantity of Land in Each Tract or Lot Acres Perches Sq. Ft.	Situation and Adjoining Proprietors	Assistant Assessor's Valuation	Claims of Exemption (if any) and Circumstances Thereof or Any Remarks on the Property
ONGSWAMP TWP.								
	Christ, Lorentz	1	26x18, logs, 1 story		2 acres		$300	in good state
	Fenstermacher, Jacob	1	30x24, logs, 1 story		2 acres	The road to ----	$270	in midling state
	Fenstermacher, Christian	1	36x22, logs, 1 story		2 acres	"	$120	in low state
	Fenstermacher, John	1	30x20, logs, 2 stories		2 acres		$430	in good state
	Fenstermacher, Daniel	1	30x20, logs, 2 stories		2 acres		$270	in midling state
	Fenstermacher, Joseph	1	30x20, logs, 2 stories		2 acres	The Wind(?) Road	$460	in good state
	Kercher, John	1	36x24, logs, 1 story		2 acres		$220	in low state
	Kershner, Friedrick	1	26x17, logs, 2 stories		2 acres		$400	in good state
ristian Heine	Dito	1	22x20, logs, 2 stories		2 acres	Road to Ph[a]	$300	in dito
INE GROVE TWP.								
	Christ, Simon	a house	24x22	a stable & small saw mill	100 acres	William Kremer	$250	
	Huber, Henry	an old house		a barn	300 acres	Philip Cuns	$600	
	Hubler, Jacob, Senr.			a barn & Ritehouse	200 acres	Jacob Gunkel	$300	
ubler, Jacob, Junr.	Jacob Miller			a stable	32 acres	Jacob Gunkel	$128	

Made For Ruth Blanton
see chart note book

JEREMIAH KERSHNER of Pennsylvania

..son of Conrad Kirschner "the First" b 1717 in Germany and his wife Catherine Beck.

..born 10 (or 13) of August, 1758 in Windsor Twp. (now Perry), Berks Co. Pa. His birth is recorded in Zion Church records, Windsor Twp., about three miles southeast of Hamburg, where his father is buried.

,,signed the Oath of Allegiance 28 May 1778

..was listed as single on the 1781 and 1783 tax lists of Windsor Twp.
..was listed on the Tax Lists of Windsor Twp. 1785 and 1787 without marital status

..in 1790 census, Windsor Twp., listed 1-2-2: one male above 16, two mailes under 16, two females. This suggests he was married, and had two young boys and a girl.

..in 1789, he was identified as a tanner of Hamburg Town, whose wife was Margaret. He signed his name in German, "Jeremias Kerschner" and his wife's was signed in English "Margreta Kerschner". She did not sign with a mark. They sold a half-acre lot bought from Martin Kercher Jr. and Elizabeth his wife, but the deed does not say when they acquired it. Kercher had gotten quite a large tract from his father, Martin Kercher Sr., and sold numerous lots, often using the name "Mattin Kercher alias Carter." He was not a Kershner, we think. The deed was made to Valentine Wagener, Nailer, on 19 June 1789, and acknowledged exactly one year later, suggesting that Wagener had been allowed a year to pay for the land and was given the deed when it was paid for.

..in 1792, Jeremiah Kerschner and Margaret his wife, listed as heirs of Conrad Kerschner the First, were residents of Greenwich Twp., Berks Co. Pa. adj to Windsor on east

..in 1794, Jeremias and Margaret Kirschner had their son Jeremias (born 8 January) baptised at the Zion Union or Old Red Church near Orwigsburg, Brunswick Twp, Schuylkill Co. Pa. This is across the mountain and about 11 miles from Hamburg.

..in 1798, Jeremias and Margreta Kerschner had their daughter Elixabeth (born 3 July 1798) baptised on ~~21 September~~ 19 August 1798. Sponsors were Ludwig and Anna Elixabeth Lehr, and the church was St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Friedensburg, in Wayne Twp., Schuylkill Co., another nine or 10 miles farther, or about 21 from Hamburg.

In the same year and at the same church, Jeremiah's brother Johannes/John Kirschner and his wife Sarah (Reber) had twins baptised on 2 September, and his brother Jonathan Kershner and wife Catherina had a daughter baptised 11 Nov. Sponsors for the latter were George Algspach and Catharine Apels. Jonathan's wife Catherine was said to have been named Anspach or Alspach, which suggests a relationship with George Algspach.

..in 1800, Jeremiah and Margaretha had a daughter Magdalena (born 2 July 1800) baptised on 7 September 1800 at the Egypt Reformed Church in Lehigh Co. Pa. Egypt is eight or 10 miles north of Allentown. However, Lehigh Co. was not formed until 1812 from Northampton, so records would be found under the latter county.

..in 1810, the census index for Northampton Co. Pa. shows a Jeremias Kershner in White Hall Twp. The town of Egypt and most of the city of Allentown are in White Hall Twp. and it is Lehigh Co. now. Across the Lehigh River, the north-eastern part of present-day Allentown is in Northampton Co.

Apparently Jeremiah Kershner, a tradesman, lived in town rather than on a farm. The records suggest that he lived in Hamburg, then moved near his brothers Jonathan and John in Schuylkill Co, then to the Allentown area of Northampton County, Pa. I do not know of any other individual with his name with whom he could be confused.

RBK Nov 1978

Nov. 1978

Dear Ruth:

Your biography of Manasseh Glick is quite a find. I agree with your reading. Sounds like Manasseh is a little confused about his grandmother Kershner. It would be a coincidence if, as he seems to say, both his mother and grandmother had died at age 86. I also suspect that he got the namesake bit mixed up, his mother Catherine, who had been dead for 20 years in 1902, perhaps being the person for whom his deceased sister Catherine was named. It would be unusual for his grandmother to be named Catherine ~~Xix~~ Margaret--mostly the German women were given the first name of Anna, except in the case of Mary Magdalena. I have an idea that the person named for her mother was Anna Margaret Kershner, 1783-1846, buried beside Jeremiah. There is no chance she was his wife, but she could have been an unmarried daughter. Or daughter-in-law. Or dau. married to a cousin.

I took off all the data you have sent me on charts, and enclose copies. Then I charted all the data I have on Jeremiah of Pennsylvania, and added in the apparent connections. I was fascinated to see that a George Algspack was sponsor for the baptism of Catharina, dau. of Jeremiah's brother Jonathan Kerschner, on 11 Nov. 1798, in the same church where Jeremiah and Margaret's dau Elizabeth was baptised 19 August that same year, 1798. Jonathan's wife is said to have been Catherine Alspach or Anspach. Can this be your George Alspach, father of Rebecca born 1802? Jonathan and Jeremiah Kershner's brother John and his wife Sarah Reber were parents of twins that same fall, same church.

So far, I have not located any real discrepancies between Jeremiah Kershner of Pennsylvania and Jeremiah Kershner of Fairfield Co. Ohio. I do not know of anyone who has researched this family, and it appears very likely that the report that Jeremiah and wife were buried at ~~Sod Church~~ is only a surmise, based on the baptismal record of 1793. No where have I found any mention that Jeremiah moved to Northampton Co. thereafter. Oh, for some deed indexes!

I think you could build up a very good circumstantial case for Jeremiah's migration to Ohio with Catherine Glick and Daniel Kershner. It would certainly be a lot easier if you had some census records. Such records would also help put the Glick children in proper order. Both Philip's list and Jonathan's list give the boys first, then the girls. Maybe I'll get a chance to get to the library. We do have all the censuses, but what we don't have are parking places. Surely you must have checked ~~Lehig~~ Northampton Co Pa marriage records for Daniel: Jean Rigler has the best collection I know of. Herb Bair has mostly Berks, Schuylkill and Northumberland Co. The County historical and genealogical societies often will help, and are eager for your information to add to their files. I have collected county maps with the townships marked off, but they are without names of towns, so I have to use a road map too. I have been to most of those Pennsylvania locations, but not to research. They are all so much closer together than I expect them to be. Jeremiah Kershner's moves never took him more than 30 miles even if it was across three counties.

I certainly do appreciate your contribution toward the German research. Mr. Steinbauer writes that we have a balance of 90 D.M. and he is working on a family tree. I suspect it is something to look imposing, but I am insisting on documentation of records. I now have the address of a man here who will do German research for $6 per hour. That is twice ~~xax~~ what Steinbaur wants, but he probably can do it more efficiently because of not having to travel to each church. I will write to him anyhow.

Dodge City, Kansas
7 Nov 1978

Dear Ruth,

Sorry to take so long in getting back to you, but I had to take time out to get a new grandson. Tyson Sands Culver was born 24 Oct 1978. He was a big guy, 9 lbs 7 oz. The "Sands" is a family name which has been passed down for 4 generations, so since this is the first Culver boy of this generation, Jane and Monte decided they better keep it going. They were happy to have a boy, and Brandi who is 3 years old is really taking charge of him. I kept Brandi while Jane was in the hospital, and believe me, keeping up with a little kid would make me an old, old woman in no time at all. Anyhow, everyone is doing fine, and everything is under control, so its high time for me to get back to genealogy.

Read the enclosed biography of Manasseh Glick. It really complicates things for me now, however it also helps explain a connection to my Kershners and the Glicks. This Glick cemetery is located in another county, and quite a ways from where Daniel and Rebecca lived, but if family were already buried here, I can easily see why they would also be buried in Glick. Also, Daniel Kershner named Manasseh Glick as administrator in his will, another connection. According to the will, Aaron and Hannah (Kershner) Warner had borrowed money from Manasseh and Catherine Glick, and this was to be paid out of Hannah's inheritance. This money was borrowed in 1871 when Aaron and Hannah moved to Shelby county Illinois.

The biography states that Jeremiah was in PA when Jonathan Glick and Catherine Kershner were married, that was before 1818 when Jonothan bought land in Bloom township. The Catherine, as Jeremiah's wife throws me a little, but her name could have been Margaret Catherine, or Catherine could have been a second wife, but I doubt this. Anyhow, this doesn't quite jibe with the information we have already come up with on the Jeremiah of PA. It does however, agree that Jeremiah was a resident of Lehigh county PA and Phillip Glick, father of Jonathan had settled at Allentown, that being where Jonathan was born.

Now, it says Jeremiah "removed to west" etc, where he spent greater part of his life". If they came west in 1821 as Daniel supposedly did, and Jeremiah died in 1826, per tombstone, then thats not a very long life. So anyhow, this biography gives us another idea to work on, whether it has any connection to my Daniel, or the Jeremiah buried in Glick cemetery, we will have to wait and see what we can come up with.

Since I could get no records in Pickaway or Fairfield county on this Jeremiah, I decided to write for Daniels death certificate to see if it would give the names of his parents. There is not a record in either of the counties, so this means he must have died someplace else. I have now written to Shelby co IL, as Hannah was living there and also Emanuel, son of Daniel. Pickaway county did have a record on Rebecca, so I sent for it. It is different from the tombstone record by three months, so it is possible that the tombstones of Daniel and Jeremiah could also be wrong. Gosh, I should have left Jeremiah buried in my notebook, then I wouldn't be going through all this uncertainty right now.

That part of the biography about Jeremiah and his wife is a little "Dutchy", so I translated it this way:

Phillip Glick to Fairfield co 1807, returned to PA, d Harrisburg.
His widow came to Fairfield co with children:

John
Phillip
George
Jacob
Peter
Henry

11th-Jonathan- b 1793, d 1866 m Catherine Kershner, b 1796 d 1882 before 1818
5 daughters | daughter of Jeremiah & Catherine Kerschner
d at age 86 yrs.

Children:
1- Aaron; 2- Jonathan; 3- Elias; 4- Ruben;
5- Nathan; 6- Manasseh; 7- Sarah m Solt
8- Carolin; 9- Lucy S. and 10- Julia Ann, twins;
11- Catherine; 12- Levina m Snyder.

Maybe you can read between the lines better than I can, and you might come up with an altogether different opinion than I have reached. At least its food for thought.

Back to your letter. I would love to have your daughter come to Dodge sometime, however right now the holidays are almost here and we have made other plans this year. We will go to Colorado for Thanksgiving to be with my mother. Sometime around Christmas, aren't sure of the time yet, we will be going to Albuquerque for my son Jim's wedding. They have not set the date exactly, and we are kinda planning on taking a few extra days for a little bit of gadding around. Had even thought of going to Nevada and California to visit Deans brother and sister, but have not decided for sure. I am glad to see Jim get married, thought he was going to end up a bachelor. He is an aerospace engineer in Wichita, has a good job, owns a house, has bought stock in the company, and has a little change in the bank, so we feel he will make a marriage work well. Jackie, his future wife, works for the Fish & Game Dept in New Mexico, but will move to Wichita and complete her college education at Wichita State. At any rate, maybe Ann and her family can come out next summer, when the traveling conditions are more certain. I would love to meet her, as well as you and Stuart, sometime. How do you know I am any relation YET?

I went to our public library to see about getting the 1798 direct tax records of PA, but they are not available from Kansas City. Leona said she would try to get to National Archives to check them, as they are available there. She is short on time however, so its hard telling when she can get them checked, but I will share the results with you. Kansas City and our library do not cooperate too well at best, so I wasn't surprised that I couldn't get them here. I have hard enough time trying to get census microfilms. I have had Marion co IL 1850 ordered since the end of July, and it has not come in yet. Our nearest Morman branch is in Wichita, and I do not get to Wichita often enough to order anything from them. We are kinda out in the sticks, and most everything must be obtained by correspondence.

I wrote to Charlene Willis, as you suggested, and have her answer. She has no records which would help me, and she teaches so does not have time to do any research. She did give me the name of a lady in Hocking co

who did research for her, and was quite satisfactory. I will write to this lady and see if she would do some research for me. It is just impossible to keep writing to the county seats as I have been doing, as I feel they don't even check for the material I request, just say "no, we don't have it". Charlene also suggested that Daniel might have come from the line of Johann Gorg.

I can well see why you are excited about research in Germany. I will contribute $10 (check enclosed) although I don't even know that we are connected to your family yet. We might have descended from "one of the three brothers from Holland" which are mentioned in your books, and I have also heard this story from my ancestors. I hope you have better luck in Germany than a Huffer related cousin of mine got in Switzerland. According to Swiss records our ancestor John Hoffer died in the French Foreign Legion and didn't even come to America. We have already found proof in marriage records, so we know better.

I have completed your book and am most of the way through Mary's. They are very interesting, although its sure lots of Kershners for me to try to keep track of. I wish I had read your books before I went back east last year, as Leona and I could have driven by all the places mentioned. All the areas have been so well described that I am sure we would have no trouble finding them. Maybe I can go back again, in the not too distant future. I sure know lots more about the different areas and the people who lived there now, than I did the last trip. My trouble now is that I also want to go so many other places, like Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and also Salt Lake City. There is no way I can do this much traveling.

About the book, Vol I, not being hard cover, I think I'll just keep this one instead of ordering a hard cover. After all, its the material inside which is important, and this is just as good as the hard cover. I'll use the extra money to pay for some research in Ohio.

I hope I can get my line all found before you republish "History of the Kershner Family". Somehow, I am sure somebody will find the answer. I wasn't too disappointed that Jean told me Jeremiah was "supposed to be buried at Red Church", because I don't know that the Ohio Jeremiah is even connected to the same family. It is strange however, that the age at death does line up so nearly with the PA Jeremiah, especially since I have found the mistake of 3 months on Rebecca's tombstone. It is quite possible that there is also a mistake on Jeremiah's. This enclosed biography on Manasseh Glick has really thrown a bigger curve at me, however, I do know that Not all biographys and county histories are correct, like Lehigh, right?

I am enclosing your slides. I do appreciate your sending them. I had several copies made from them. I think pictures are a wonderful way of recording history. My kids laugh at me for taking so many pictures of tombstones, and I tell them its just to show that I did find them.

Will keep you posted on anything I find concerning Jeremiah, as you might be able to place him in the family line quicker than I can. Surely, something will show up pretty soon. Thanks for your help.

Love

Leola

18 October 1978

Ruth Blurton, Rt 2 Dodge City Ks 67801

Dear Ruth,

Oh boy, did I ever get myself involved in a nest of hornets! I got your book in the mail and immediately got thoroughly involved in it. There are so many Kershner names that I have never heard of, that it is taking me a while to decide just who they all are. Little did I realize the great value of deeds, until I started reading your book. You have also made me realize that I am definitely just a beginner in the family research field, and have a mighty long way to go. You almost sound like an attorney, the way you have translated some of those old deeds.

I had just gotten a good start into your book, when I got Vol I, but I just glanced through it, and will finish your book first. I was disappointed in Vol I, however, because it was in soft cover instead of hard. Its the contents which count though.

Thank you for sending the Warrenty Deed on Jeremiah, as well as the list of those taking the Oath of Allegiance in Berks co. Also, thanks for the slides. I have sent them in to have copies made, and I will return both as soon as I get them back. Pictures make the whole story so rewarding.

I received an answer from Jean Rigler concerning Jeremiah, but she says Jeremiah and Margaret are buried at Red Church in Schuylkill co, undocumented however. He certainly cannot be buried in PA and Ohio both. I am still going to try to find out about this Jeremiah in Ohio. I wrote to both Fairfield and Pickaway counties for Probate records, but neither have anything on this Jeremiah. I have another distant relative who lives in Chillicothe, so I have asked her to check to see if Ross county has anything. I have also sent for Daniel's death certificate, and that should give me the name of his father - if they have this record! I still believe there has to be a connection between Daniel and this Jeremiah, or why else would Daniel and his family be buried in a cemetery so far from their home? I have not been too concerned about the small difference in the age as given on Jeremiah's tombstone, as this could be a mistake which occurred when the tombstone was erected.

I received your post card in todays mail. I will write to Charlene K. Willis in Hallsville, and see if she can help me. I had found this family of Karshners a long time ago, and had thought there might be a connection, but I was unable to find any. The Daniel and Rebecca Karshner of Ross county, really had me going for a while, as I thought this was my Daniel and Rebecca. The dates didn't jibe there either, and when I started finding the childrens names, I knew they weren't mine. The first Daniel 1773 and Jacob 1775, would have been nephews of the Jeremiah, son of Conrad I, so Jeremiah could well have gone to Ohio to join them. I have some records on these Karshners, including Daniels will, which I will copy and send to Charlene.

Letter Ans 21 Oct 1972 w/notes + cc from Geo. C. No carbon

I have found some of my other lines of ancestors were also from Hagerstown, MD, and there were some of my names in your book (indirectly). My Johannes Hoffer/Huffer resided on Funks Last Bit, and Rohrer's lived on Small Hope and Hager's Fancy. I noticed you mentioned a Rorer, but no Hoffer. Other names familiar to me were Shnably (I have Snavely), Grove and Graw (Graf to Grove), Rough (Raush), Rothermel etc. Its a small world when you trace back to those real early days.

On page 78 in your book, you speak of the Hix family. I have some records taken from Some early lineages of Berks, Co PA by Beulah Hix Blair, which states the following on page 194.

> I. ANNA MARIA HICKS (Conrad[1]), dau of Conrad and Anna Maria (Heyer): b Feb 17, 1769; d Sept 11, 1845, aged 76 yrs, 6 mos, 24 das; m April 8, 1792 to Johann Conrad Kerschner who was b Sept 20, 1770; d May 31, 1850. Married 53 yrs. Six sons, one daughter (Zions Windsor Castle Ch., Perry Twp., Berks Co.). Three sons died before 1845. See Kerschner line.

Then it gives the children. I can send you this if you are interested. The pages before contain information of the background of the Hix line, and the disagreement of the spelling, Hix/Hicks. Mary may have the children in her book, I haven't checked. These Hix families were from both Maryland and Pennsylvania.

On page 172 is your mention of Joseph Kershner and of Levi. Both of these names were in my Daniels family. I also had been given the name of Joseph as Daniels father, so I want to check this out again. I will have to read your book all over again, because there are just too many names and facts for it to all get through my thick skull in one reading. I also have to go over Mary's book, then try to put everything together.

At our meeting of the Kansas Genealogical Society which was last Thurs., we had as our speaker, Dr. Raymond Martin Bell, who spoke on Pennsylvania Germans. He told of lots of sources which I have never heard of, so I will check into some of these and see what I can find. I am going to try to get our public library to order the microfilms of the Direct Tax List for Pennsylvania (1798), as he says this is a real good source. This was the tax commonly called the window tax, and I had no idea it was on microfilm. When you checked on deeds, other than those at Anapolis MD, did you get them through the court houses or were they all at Salt Lake. I have heard about the wonderful collection at Salt Lake, but I have never been there, although thats on my list of places I want to go, sometime. Do you know whether any Pennsylvania records are available from Harrisburg? Deeds, I mean.

Dr. Bell also explained the first names of German children. Boys had the first name of John, and girls had the first name of Anna. He said the second names were the "call" names. This sure helped me understand why there were so many Johns and Anna's.

I had lots of questions to ask you as I was reading through your book, but now by the time I am getting around to writing you, I can't remember any of them. I haven't been able to concentrate too well lately, as I had to watch all the baseball games, including the play offs, as well as the series. Now, I have my little grand daughter, Brandi, most of the time, as Jane is due to have her second child just any day. Brandi was 3 in June, and she really keeps me hopping. Jane is the only one of my children who has married, so Brandi is my only grand child, so far---.

Thanks again for all your help. I will keep you posted on what I find out about Jeremiah, if anything. I will return your slides just as soon as they get the copies made. Hope you and Stuart are both doing fine. I will be happy to prove a connection to this Kershner bunch.

Love, Ruth

Route 2
Dodge City, Kansas 67801
22 September 1978

Dear Stuart and Ruth,

It was great to meet and visit with you on the phone last night. I know already that I am really going to like all these new relatives. I sent my check and labels to Jack today, so you should hear from her soon. I am really looking forward to receiving these books. Maybe when I get all this information written down in a book, I will be able to figure out who is who. I have collected lots of Kershner information in the last year and a half, but just have not been able to assemble it in any kind of fashion so it makes sense. I am so disgusted with myself for overlooking Jeremiah, because I had it in my notebook all the time, and it just didn't dawn on me that he could possibly be Daniels father. I still have a long way to go to prove that he is, but its such a good possibility that I feel sure he will turn out to be the man I need. I hope, since our conversation last night, that you have got him all researched and have come up with all the answers I need.

I am enclosing a copy of my descent on the Alspach/Alspaugh line. I have never made up any kind of chart on the Kershners because Daniel (1802-1880) and his daughter Hannah are the only Kershner names I had, so far. I hope, from my chart, you will be able to see how I fit into the picture. I am also including my linaage from Daniel. The birth dates for Daniel and Rebecca have not been proved yet. All my Kershner ancestors since Daniel have been on the female side. I have included an extra copy of this lineage, for you to send to Mary (I believe that is the name you gave me). If she is more acquainted with the Ohio Kershners, maybe she will have some information which I have overlooked.

Helen gave me Jeremias's birthdate as 13 Aug 1758. The tombstone record which I found in Glick Cemetery, gives his death as 9 Jan 1826, aged 68-10-10. The age doesn't quite jibe, but this could be a mistake either on the tombstone or in recording, or I still might not have the right person. I have sent to Fairfield co OH for a will or intestate papers on Jeremiah, but have not received an answer yet. Sure hope he had a will and will have all the children listed, as I know nothing of any brothers or sisters of Daniel. I do not know about the Anna Margaret Kershner who is buried beside Jeremiah. It could be his daughter, or a wife. Possibly a second wife, or could be he married later in life and this might be his wife. Her death date is given as 18 July 1846 aged 63-5-28, nearly 25 years younger than Jeremiah.

In "Records of Egypt Reformed Church, Lehigh co PA 1734-1834", I found the baptism record of Magdalena Kierschner, daughter of Jeremias and Margreth Kershner, born 2 July, bap 7 Sept 1800. Sponsors were John and Catharina Drachsel. I feel this might have been a sister to Daniel.

In a 1790 PA census, I found a Jeremiah Kirschner listed in Windsor township, Berks county. It shows 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 2 females. Remember, this census includes heads of household, so this means he had 2 sons and 1 daughter. Wonder if this is the same Jeremiah? On the 1810 Northampton co PA, I just found this in the index, I have not checked the census microfilm.

I believe I mentioned to you last night about Rebecca Alspaugh's capture by the Indians. I wonder if this story was ever passed down among the Kershners? Nobody on the Warner or Alspaugh line know very much about it, except that they had heard about it. My mother tells the story like this: "When Rebecca was a young girl, she and her brother were on horseback, with a sack of grain between them, on their way to the mill to have the grain made into flour. At the edge of a wooded area they were accausted by a group of Indians. The girl was taken captive, but the boy escaped to spread the alarm. Rebecca was not found. As an Indian captive, she was taught the art of healing with herbs. She was released when a young woman, and was identified by a small ring she was wearing when captured, and still had in her possession. After her release, she continued this art of healing, among both Indians and whites." I would like to prove this story, but there seems to be no record. I have thought if I ever get to visit Ohio, I would check the old newspapers, to see if there might be a mention of her capture or release. I am guessing at dates when this might have happened, but I believe it was about 1810-12 when she was captured, and possibly 1825 or so when released. Since I have been unable to find a marriage record for Daniel and Rebecca, I have often thought maybe he went to get her from the Indian camp, and they were married in whatever county they were in at the time. On the other hand, maybe they didn't even get married, like the present generation is doing nowadays. Also, I have just checked Ross, Pickaway and Fairfield counties, so far.

My sister, Leona Barnett, lives in Oakton, Virginia, which is just outside of Washington D.C. She is helping me on this family research. I went back to visit her in the spring of 77, first time we had been together in the last 18 years. While there, we visited all the record places in Washington, and really had a ball. Then we drove to Reading PA, where my Joseph Warner first settled in 1768 when he first came from England. This was when I had just started my research, and the Warner name was the only one I knew for sure was from PA. Since I have dug a little deeper, I have found a dozen or so families which were also from PA. It does give me a good excuse to go back for another visit. We did visit the Hain Cemetery, but didn't know to look for Kershners, but when we were in Sinking Spring where Joseph and Barbara Warner are buried, we could see this other large cemetery on the hill and decided to go take a look. It was a large, beautiful cemetery, and had many Revolutionary soldiers buried in it. By the way, wonder if Jeremiah was in the Revolution, I know his brother Conrad was, because I have found that record.

In Miller's, History of Fairfield co OH, there is mention of a Dr. J. A. Kershner at Lithopolis. This was published in 1912. Do you have any idea who this was? Daniel did have a grandson who was a doctor in Lithopolis, but his name was Don (Donnis). I do not know if this is a different man, or if there has been a mistake in recording this history. I have lots of questions like this which I still need answers for.

Helen suggested that I write to Jean Rigler, so I have also written to her tonight. She thought this was Jeans direct line, so she might have some records to help me on Jeremiah. I am sure going to be one disappointed old gal, if Jeremiah doesn't turn out to be Daniels father.

Has the Kershner Family Association been established just for the purpose of selling the books, or do you have newsletters and reunions and all that good stuff? I think its a wonderful way to keep all the relatives in close contact. I have found relatives I never even knew existed, until I started this research. I believe I will have as many Kershner relatives as I have Alspaugh relatives, when I get them all lined up. My mothers side of the family has been much easier to research, because Mom has been lots of help to me. Just this year I have also started climbing my husbands tree. He is lots more interested now, and I have had real good luck in tracing them. A name like Blurton helps too, and there aren't nearly as many to research, since they didn't come to America as early as my ancestors did. They were from Wales, and the name was originally Burton, but the "l" was added by the first two men who came, as they wanted to seperate themselves from the Burtons in Wales.

Gosh, when I get started jabbering, I never know when to quit. This is the most interesting hobby that I have ever had in my life, and I thoroughly enjoy it. Hope I haven't burned your eyes out reading all this. If there is any way you can help me find more information on Jeremiah, I would really appreciate any suggestions or records you might have. Any questions you have on my line, which I have not covered, please let me know. And thanks a bunch for your encouragement.

Sincerely,

Ruth Blurton

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Lineage of RUTH LOUISE COTHREN BLURTON

22 September 1978

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I	KERSHNER, Daniel	b ca 25 Sep 1802 d 29 May 1880	Allentown, Northampton PA bu Fairfield co OH
	m ALSPAUGH, Rebecca	b ca 3 Aug 1802 d 16 Mar 1871	Berks co PA bu Fairfield co OH
II	WARNER, James Aaron	b 4 Jan 1821 d 20 Mar 1906	Berks co PA Shelby co IL
	m KERSHNER, Hannah	b 5 Aug 1829 d 21 Nov 1893	Fairfield co OH Shelby co IL
III	HENRY, Robert	b 29 Dec 1861 d 5 June 1940	Shelby co IL Otero co CO
	m WARNER, Adda	b 10 Nov 1867 d 15 Feb 1949	Pickaway co OH King co WA
IV	COTHREN, Leander Howard Sr.	b 14 Feb 1878 d 11 Apr 1965	Moultrie co IL Otero co CO
	m HENRY, Hazel Ruth	b 27 Jan 1893 d	Shelby co IL
V	BLURTON, Dean W.	b 5 Dec 1915 d	Kingman co KS
	ME M Cothren, Ruth L.	b 28 May 1924 d	Otero co CO

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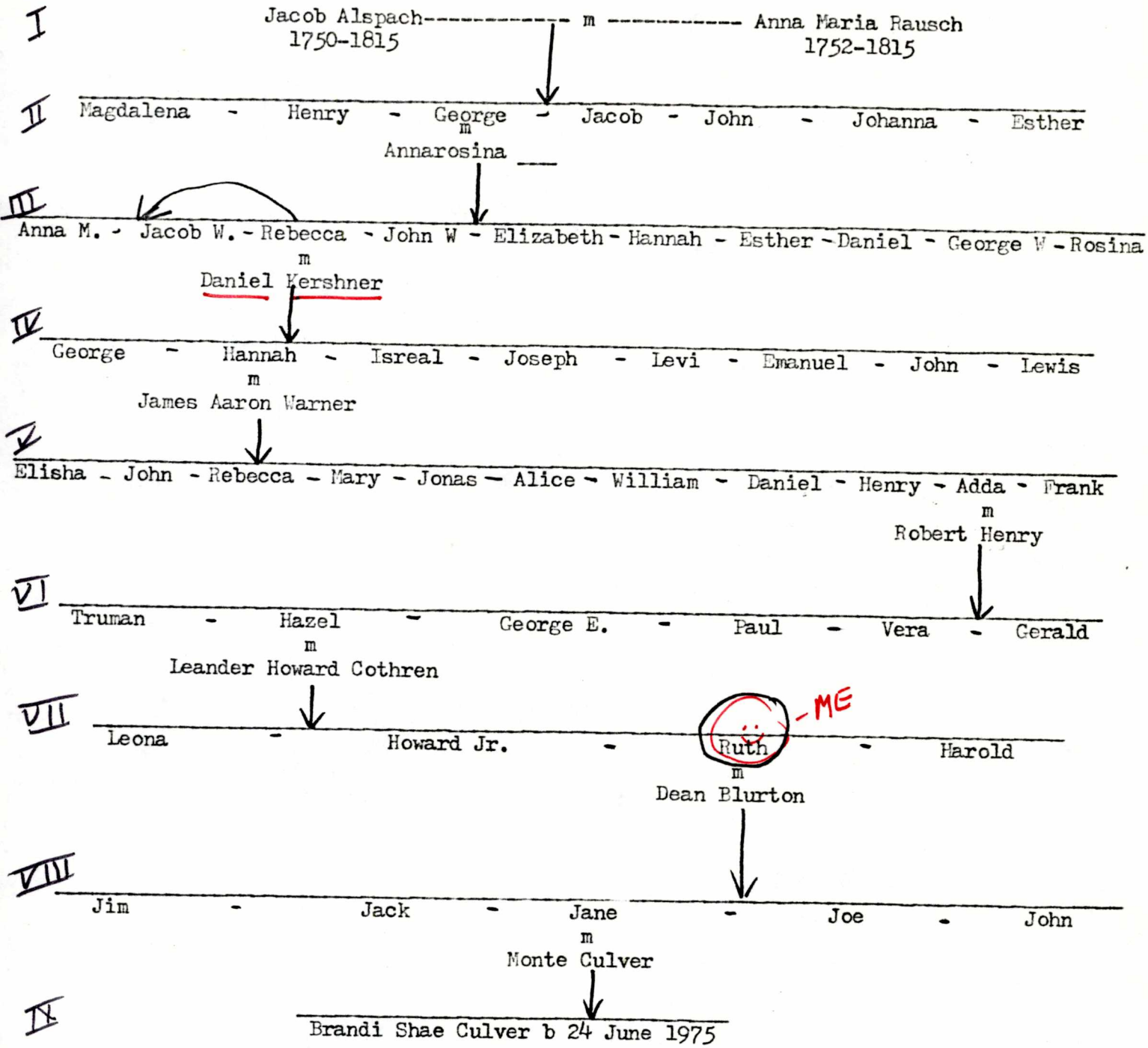
A. James Dean, b 1 Apr 1948, li Wichita, KS

B. Jack Wayne, b 20 Apr 1950, li Wichita, KS

C. Jane Louise, b 27 July 1955, li Dodge City, KS, m Monte Culver 1974
VII Brandi Shae, b 24 June 1975
2 due anytime

D. Joe Robert, b 25 May 1957, li Denver, CO

E. John Howard, b 3 May 1962, high school student, Dodge City


I
Jacob Alspach
1750-1815
m
Anna Maria Rausch
1752-1815
II
Magdalena - Henry - George - Jacob - John - Johanna - Esther
m
Annarosina ___
III
Anna M. - Jacob W. - Rebecca - John W - Elizabeth - Hannah - Esther - Daniel - George W - Rosina
m
Daniel Kershner
IV
George - Hannah - Isreal - Joseph - Levi - Emanuel - John - Lewis
m
James Aaron Warner
V
Elisha - John - Rebecca - Mary - Jonas - Alice - William - Daniel - Henry - Adda - Frank
m
Robert Henry
VI
Truman - Hazel - George E. - Paul - Vera - Gerald
m
Leander Howard Cothren
VII
Leona - Howard Jr. - Ruth - Harold
- ME
m
Dean Blurton
VIII
Jim - Jack - Jane - Joe - John
m
Monte Culver
IX
Brandi Shae Culver b 24 June 1975