

**PENNSYLVANIA BIRTHS**  
**Lancaster County**  
**1723-1777**

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## PREFACE

Apparent variations within this text occur simply because early Lancaster County church records do not adhere to a consistent form. Most ministers recorded the date of birth, in which case that is the date provided here. But in other records the recorded date was the day the infant was baptized. Those dates have been entered here with the notation "bp." Quakers recorded dates of birth only, written in numeric form, that is, July 4, 1776, was written as "7mo 4 1776" or "4 7mo 1776."

Original records for several churches show the child's baptismal date and age in lieu of a date of birth. In those instance a date of birth is calculated here based on the child's age, for example, "ca Jul 1766."

The format used for each birth record should be fairly obvious. Following the boldface surname, the first name listed is the child's given name. A notation "bp" following the child's name, as noted above, signifies that the date following is the date of baptism. Names following the date of birth or baptism are those of the infant's father and mother. The number in the extreme right column identifies the church record where that birth record can be found—as numbered at the conclusion of this Preface. A name in parentheses following the mother's maiden name is her unmarried surname. Note, however, that not every maiden name is placed in parentheses. Several pastors entered both the father's and the mother's full names in the record, in which case the mother's name is entered here as found. A sample entry including the above listed possibilities might read:

Infant	Date of Birth or Baptism	Father	Mother	Record
<b>Henry</b>				
William	13 Dec 1755	John	Maria Magdalena	6
Joseph	bp 3 Jul 1763	William	Anna (Wood)	7
Anna Catharina	10 Oct 1770	Johannes	Barbara Frey	8

Several question marks and other notations appear in the text. Most of the bracketed question marks indicate illegible text. In some cases the question marks and other notations appear in the typed or handwritten translations or in copies of the original document, placed there by the transcriber or translator to indicate a questionable transcription of difficult-to-read entries. Other bracketed references designate a record copied as found, though seemingly incorrect.

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Other notations and abbreviations found in the original records include the designation for twin, shortened here to "tw," "ill" for illegitimate, and "dec'd" for deceased. Although researchers may find evidence for the birth of twins in some of these records beyond those identified by "tw," the twin designation appears throughout this text only when found as such in the source record.

Family historians working with this text will find a significant number of duplicate entries, that is, information on infants that was recorded twice. For example, genealogists researching the Heyl family will find double birth records for three children of Jacob Heyl—one set was recorded in the register of the Muddy Creek Lutheran Church and the other in the register of the Brickerville or Warwick Lutheran congregation in Elizabeth Township. Both of these registers were opened by Rev. John Casper Stoever. According to Charles Glatfelter, when Stoever opened the Warwick or Brickerville register in 1742, he entered into the register earlier baptisms some of which were recorded in the Muddy Creek register. Note, however, that not all of the duplicate entries can be attributed to Rev. Stoever—double entries can also be found for infants baptized by Rev. John Waldschmidt.

Another section of this book, labeled "miscellaneous," contains birth records for persons whose surname was unknown.

Baptismal entries for adult women recorded in some church registers identified them by their married name, not their birth or maiden name. Given the format of *Pennsylvania Births*, wherein children are linked to a surname by birth rather than by marriage, listing birth records for these women in the main body of the text would be misleading. For example, if Anna Maria Boeshaar, wife of John Boeshaar, baptized 31 December 1753, were listed in the main text, she would be entered as follows:

Infant	Date of Birth	Father	Mother	Record
<b>Boeshaar</b>				
Anna Maria	bp 31 Dec 1753	not given	not given	2.

Seeing this entry, someone working on the Boeshaar family would naturally assume that this Anna Maria, baptized 31 December 1753, was the daughter of an unidentified father with the surname Boeshaar.

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9. Records of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland; birth records from the 1730s are included.
10. Records of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Lancaster; births records from the 1770s are included.
11. Records of Zion Lutheran Church, Manheim; the baptismal register was begun in 1771.
12. Records of the Muddy Creek Reformed Church, East Cocalico Township; birth records from the 1770s are included.
13. Records of Bangor Protestant Episcopal Church, Caernarfon Township; birth records from the 1770s are included.
14. Records of Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, Ephrata Township; birth records from the 1740s are included.
15. Records of Rev. John Waldschmidt; this personal register was begun in 1752.
16. Records of Rev. John Cuthbertson; this personal register was begun in 1751.
17. Records of Rev. Traugott Frederick Illing; this personal register was begun in 1779.
18. Records of Christ Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown; birth records from the 1770s are included.
19. Records of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Strasburg; birth records from the 1750s are included.
20. Records of Swamp Reformed Church, West Cocalico Township; the baptismal register was opened in 1788.
21. Records of Zion Reformed Church, Elizabeth Township, also know as Reyer's Reformed Church; birth records from the 1760s are included.

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22. Records of the Blasser Reformed Church, West Donegal Township; birth records from the 1750s are included.
23. Records of the White Oak Lutheran and Reformed Churches, Penn Township; the baptismal register was opened in 1754.
24. Records of Zeltenreich/Seltenreich Reformed Church, Earl Township; baptismal records from the 1740s are included.
25. Records of Maytown Reformed Church, East Donegal Township; birth records form the 1760s are included.
26. Records of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Manheim; the baptismal register was begun in 1771.
27. Records of the Pequea Reformed Church, Strasburg Township; birth records from the 1740s are included.
28. Records of the Maytown Lutheran Church, East Donegal Township; birth records from the 1760s are included.
29. Records of the Cocalico Reformed Church, Ephrata; birth records from the 1740s are included.
30. Records of Rev. John Casper Stoeve, Jr.; this personal register was begun in 1729.
31. Records of the Moravian Church, Lititz; the baptismal register was opened in 1744.

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<b>Corner</b>	Catharina	20 May	1770	Johann	Elisabeth	6
	Charles	Jul	1749	Rodger	Cath. Elisabethe	6
	Elisabeth	17 Jul	1773	Johann	Elisabeth	6
	Robert	15 Feb	1751	Rodger	Elisabeth	6
<b>Corper</b>	Andreas	27 Apr	1746	Nicolaus	not given	4
	Joh. Jacob	8 Apr	1748	Nicolaus	not given	4
	Maria Margaretha	28 Dec	1750	Nicolaus	not given	4
<b>Cotes</b>	Margaret	14 Feb	1773	Jonathan	Jane	17
<b>Cotter</b>	Mary, adult	bp 24 May	1770	not given	not given	16
<b>Coulter</b>	Agnes	bp 2 Jan	1759	Hew	not given	16
	Grizzel	bp 18 Apr	1765	Nathaniel, Sr.	not given	16
	Hugh	bp 12 Nov	1775	Nath.	not given	16
	Isobel	bp 5 Jun	1757	Hugh	not given	16
	Janet	bp 16 Mar	1763	Nath.	not given	16
	John	bp 21 Dec	1767	H(ugh)	not given	16
	Josiah	bp 22 Jan	1771	Nath(aniel)	not given	16
	Mary	bp 18 Apr	1765	Hew	not given	16
	Nathaniel	bp 18 Feb	1759	Natha.	not given	16
	Samuel	bp 30 Apr	1769	Nath.	not given	16
	Sarah	bp 21 Feb	1768	Nath.	not given	16
	Sarah	bp 8 Apr	1777	Nathaniel	not given	16
	William	bp 8 Feb	1761	N.	not given	16
<b>((Coulter))</b>	Agnes	bp 16 Aug	1774	N.	not given	16
	Elijah	bp 16 Aug	1774	N.	not given	16
<b>Couper</b>	John	bp 17 May	1752	Wm.	not given	16
<b>Crüger</b>	Heinrich	16 Jun	1776	Johann	Sophia	6
<b>Cray</b>	Catharina	13 Aug	1766	Peter	Eva	9
<b>Craemer</b>	Anna	28 Sep	1774	Michael	Catharina	5
	Anna Maria	31 Oct	1769	Michael	Elisabeth	6
	Anna Maria	26 Sep	1776	Michael	Cath.	5
<b>Craftt</b>	Magdalena	26 Jul	1770	Philipp	Anna Maria	6
<b>Crafford</b>	Elisabeth	bp 27 Feb	1761	Philipp	Elisabeth	6

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Cramer	Anna Christina	25 Dec	1749	Hannes	Susanna
	Philip	15 Jun	1749	Michael	Cath.
Crawford	Esther	bp 20 Apr	1760	John	not given
	William	bp 19 Apr	1763	John	not given
Crawford	Esther	bp 29 May	1766	Joseph	not given
	James	bp 24 May	1768	John	not given
	John	bp 9 Jun	1765	John	not given
	Margaret	bp 11 Mar	1770	John	not given
Creiner	Georg	30 Dec	1772	Andreas	Barbara
	Heinrich	16 Jun	1770	Andreas	Barbara
Creiser	Henriette Christ. tw	15 Jun	1770	Caspar	Christina
	Maria Barbara, tw	15 Jun	1770	Caspar	Christina
Cretzinger	Joann Georg	16 Apr	1768	Conrad	not given
	Margaretha	13 Sep	1769	Michael	not given
Croberger	Johann Georg.	4 Dec	1774	Georg. Mich.	Eva Barbara
	Cromwel	Mar. Magdalena	10 Feb	Johan	Margaretha
Cron	Maria Elisabeth	29 Apr	1746	Simon Jac. Cron	Susanna Martin
	Susanna Margaret	27 Sep	1743	not given	not given
Cronbach	Maria Agnesa	26 May	1750	Peter	Elisabeth Hagabuc
	Crook	bp 13 Apr	1760	John	not given
Crooks	Alice	bp 23 May	1771	James	not given
	Alice	bp 13 Aug	1772	John	not given
	Jean	bp 14 May	1764	J.	not given
	Jean	bp 15 Nov	1773	John	not given
	John	bp 27 Mar	1768	John	not given
	Margaret	bp 30 Mar	1766	John	not given
	Mary	bp Oct	1756	John	not given
	Mary	bp 26 Mar	1770	John	not given
	Rachel	bp 4 Apr	1762	John	not given
	Rob	bp 18 Aug	1772	James	not given
	William	bp 26 Mar	1758	John	not given