



## Johannes Philip Liebrich

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### Notes for Johannes Philip Liebrich [1702-1785] and Catharina Hansin

by Karl C. Leebrick, 1996

The first member of the Leebrick family to arrive in America was Johannes Philip Liebrich, who arrived in Philadelphia on the ship "Adventure" out of Hamburg, Germany in 1754. Church records show he was born 15 January 1702 in Mannheim, Germany and died 17 September 1785, age 82 years 8 months 2 days in Manheim, Pennsylvania and is buried in the cemetery of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manheim, Pennsylvania. The church record of burials was compiled in 1942 from grave stones, some of which were severely eroded. Also the early ones were written in German. Also in the church record is a Catharina Liebrich, born February 1, 1717, died December 9, 1785 who was his wife. John and Catharine had five surviving children, John Philip Nicholas Liebrich, born 1748 and four daughters. The first was Apollonia, who married Valentine Gardner; the second, Mary Elizabeth, who married Daniel Newman 15 December 1775; the third, Hannetta, who married Charles Wilsbach, and the fourth Margaret, who married Daniel Briligam. His will, recorded in the Lancaster County courthouse, Lancaster Pa. was drawn 30 April 1785. He names his children as above and places Nicholas after Apollonia and Mary Elizabeth. In 1984, I visited the Zion Lutheran Church in Manheim with the cemetery in the side yard. The Leebrick stones are mostly red sandstone and about the fifth row back from the street and more or less centered. One stone in German is Johannes Liebrich. He took the Oath of Allegiance on 8 July 1777 in Lancaster Country Pa. with five other men. \*



## Johan Philip Nicholas Liebrich

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### Notes for Johan Philip Nicholas Liebrich [1747-1788] and Catharine Frank

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John Philip Nicholas Liebrich was apparently born in Germany as the records of the Zion Lutheran Church in Manheim, PA, show his birth as 1747 and the family is supposed to have come to America in 1754. He died in Feb. 1788 and is buried in the church cemetery with a red sandstone marker in the same row as his father.

On 8 May 1867 he married Catherine Frank in Dauphine Co., PA. Church record show her as "Catharina". Nicholas is reported to have been a merchant in Manheim, PA and living there throughout his life. He apparently did quite well but died intestate. By 27 June 1797 his property had still not been distributed and his son John petitioned the court for a distribution. The listing of property is as follows:

"Two adjoining lots of ground in the village of Manheim situate on the South East corner formed by the main street and the Market Place adjoining lots of Doctor Bards and Michael Jacobs on one of which was erected in the life time of the intestate a mansion house and barn and on the other the Petitioner since his fathers death has erected a new convenient two story brick house one other lot on the main street adjoining Ulrich Keiser, Martin Smith an alley on which is erected a house and stable. One five acre lot adjoining Lands of Ulrich Keiser and Peter Charman one other lot containing two acres and a half adjoining lands of Stephen Thawer one other lot containing two acres adjoining Daniel Longenecker Martin Yetter Peter Dennis and Peter Blattenberger and one four acre lot adjoining Adam Nees and Heirs of Wm Bausman." John Philip Nicholas Liebrich subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance between July 10th and September 13th, 1777 in Lancaster, PA. William Bausman was the witness. He served in Captain Abraham Forey's company, Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Third Battalion of Pennsylvania Militia under Col. Alexander Lowery. Company was formed on August 16, 1777, saw action at Brandywine Creek (PA) and returned March 17, 1778 with no loss of life.\*\*



### John Philip Liebrich [1775-1827] and Mary G. Cassel of Hummelstown

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There are a lot of John Philip Liebrich's and this one is referred as John Philip of Hummelstown. There are many spellings of the name. There are nine different versions in the records of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hummelstown, PA. The German spelling was Americanized about 1800 with all the family changing at about the same time. They were early settlers in Hummelstown occupying a stone house on the corner of Market and Hanover Streets across the square from Hummel residence and were occupied by Leebrick's until the death of their daughter Mary, in April 1884.

#### Hummelstown, Pennsylvania

Detail, from "Ingamar Papers" of Hummelstown Historical Society. The "Ingamar Papers" were published in the newspaper of the day.



- No. 6 Pump in Square
- No. 7 Leebrick House in the Square
- No. 8 Yellow Cottage of Adam Baum's Grandmother
- No. 9 Col. Joseph Hummel's Residence
- No. 17 George Fox's "The Golden Horse" Hotel

The Leebrick home is recorded on an early map and was still standing, much renovated, in 1990 as the Bowser Funeral Home and furniture store.



His grand daughter, Mary Gertrude Leebrick ("Mollie"), writes of him as follows:

"Grandpappy was a dandy for he often wore silk stockings for fix ups. He is said to have owned the first piano in Hummelstown. Grandpappy had horses and a carriage and he was considered a rich man for those days. He lived in a large grey house with a slated gable roof across the square from Joseph Hummel's residence. He had a harness shop in a corner room in the home. He knew something of civil engineering but while he was on a winter expedition he ate some frozen apples he found on a tree and became fatally ill. Philip and Mary were staunch Lutherans and it greatly displeased them to realize their children were being strongly influenced by the wave of Methodism that was sweeping the country at that time. Their mother was so irked when they attended a Methodist meeting that she locked them out one night. The children retaliated by serenading her with Methodist hymns and fearful that the neighbors would hear she quickly opened the door."



In the "Ingamar Papers", printed in Hummelstown, a description of the old Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is this paragraph:

"The bell still swinging in the steeple, if I remember rightly, was purchased through the instrumentality of Philip Leebrick, a prominent merchant and active businessman in his day, and who was the father of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Hummel and the grandfather of Richard T. and Misses Hummel, residing at the old mansion in our bustling borough."

John Philip and Mary Gertrude are buried in the little cemetery behind the old Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hummelstown which is now the side of Hummelstown Historical Museum. The stones are so eroded, it is impossible to read them, however church records locate their graves as Philip M-18-1 and Mary M-18-2.

**\*Johannes Philip Liebrich [1702-1785]**

**\*\* Johan Philip Nicholas Liebrich [1748-1788]**

