

Christian Lau

1696-1772

Christian Lau & wife Anna Cleva (Frey) and their children arrived from Germany in Philadelphia on the ship Pink, John & William in 1732. Of the 220 Palatines aboard 44 had perished on the trip. Christian settle in the Manor of Springettsbury, now West Manchester twp. near Bair Station. Christian owned about 750 acres in West Manchester, Jackson and North Codorus townships, as early as 1745 land near Bair Station.

Christian is buried at Wolf's Church. A new marker was place at the cemetery by his descendants' in 1932, which was the 200th anniversary of his arrival in America. His original tombstone written in German was said to be found in an attic by Robert E Lau and is in the Studebaker house on King St. in East Berlin.

Christian Lau Mill

Christian built the 1st Mill on this site, on the Codorus Creek between Bair and Stoverstown, between the years 1764 and 1773. Second mill built about 1870 by Casper Kerber (Carver). A Brick Mill was built in 1850 by Samuel Mumma. Ownership passed to at least nine different owners. The last year it was run was 1936 by Samuel C. Bare. It was dismantled for the Indian Rock Flood Control Project in 1940 by an Amish man, taken to Lancaster Co, and used as parts to repair another Mill.

Christian Lau Farm

The Christian farm was located upstream, $\frac{3}{4}$ to a mile from the Mill. The mill race for water to run the Mill started not far from the farm house. The Mill and Tail race are still visible, although grown over with trees and brush, it must have been quite an accomplishment.

The farm buildings were part of the Indian Rock Dam Flood Basin and were abandoned. The house was demolish around 1970, the barn and out buildings were demolished a few years later.

The exterior of the house looked like Peter Wolf's Five mile house. The front of the house faces downstream towards the Mill. The front door opened to a hall way and stairs to the 2nd floor. Large high rooms exited both sides of the hallway.

The back of the house had a stairway build into the inside wall, it lead to the 2nd floor and the attic.

There was a walk in cellar door on the side facing the Codorus creek. On this side not far from the house was a large underground room with a dome ceiling. Ceiling and walls were stone with a dirt floor. One suggestion is that it was used to store ice from the Creek. The underground room is still there but is in poor condition.

It would nice to have a picture of this old house, put so far I haven't found one.

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WMT 200th Celebration

History of North Codorus Twp

Christian Lau Wolf's Church records

The Descendants of Christian Lau, 1991

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Mill Foundation



Tail Race

