

Johann Adam Lepley I (1745 - 1831)

Johann Adam Lepley was born and christened February 3rd 1748 in Stuttgart, Germany. ¹ He went by the name of Adam.

Adam married Barbara Bucher on March 14th 1773 in a Lutheran Church in Frederick County Maryland. Barbara was born May 29th 1755 to Peter Bucher (Bucherin) in Cumberland County (present day Bedford county). Peter Bucher emigrated on the ship "Loyal Judith" September 3rd 1739 from Strassburger Germany.

The first representative of the Lepley family in America came from Germany, accompanied by three sons: Michael, Jacob and Adam, and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania. Michael was killed by the Indians at Bloody Run, now Everett, in Bedford County, Pa. He had three sons. Jacob, who had seven sons and four daughters, moved to Ohio. ²

Adam and Barbara moved to Knox County Ohio. Adam was 86 years, 6 months, and 20 days old when he died August 26th 1831. Barbara was 87 years, and 19 days old when she died April 17th 1842. Adam and Barbara were both laid to rest in the Bethel Cemetery in Knox County Ohio. ³

The entire family as well as Adam's brother and sisters moved to Ohio about 1806. Their son Adam (Adam II) remained in Sommerset County, Pennsylvania where he owned a considerable tract of land.

Adam Lepley and Barbara Bucher had nine children.

- i. Adam Lepley II (1776-1853)
- ii. Peter Lepley was born March 15th 1774. In 1810 he lived in Brothers Valley, Somerset County Pennsylvania
- iii. John Jacob Lepley. In 1810 he lived in Brothers Valley, Somerset County Pennsylvania
- iv. John Michael Lepley
- v. Catherine Lepley
- vi. Joseph Lepley was born May 8th 1788
- vii. George Lepley
- viii. John Lepley
- ix. Elizabeth Lepley was born 1797. She was christened March 15th 1797 at Salt Lick Township, Good Hope Lutheran Church in Fayette County Pennsylvania. Elizabeth married Jacob Baker March 21st 1816

Adam Lepley II (1776 - 1853)

Adam Lepley was born August 5th 1776 near Willard's Gap in Larimer Township area of Bedford County Pennsylvania. ⁴ His name was spelled Adam Lepley; the spelling we have today. Adam was baptized, confirmed, and a member of the Lutheran Church. Adam In 1790 Adam and his family lived in Bedford County, which in 1795 became Somerset County.

Adam married Elizabeth Horn on August 8th 1798. Elizabeth was born July 26th 1870. The family lived in present day Londonderry and Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.

He was a farmer, blacksmith, gunsmith known for his fine silver inlays, and a tailor. He also had a still in 1810 according to the tax list, and built a stone house in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania, which was still standing in 1983.

Adam became a prominent man in the community, and was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1809 by the Governor of Pennsylvania ⁵ and served in this capacity for twenty-five years.

Adam died March 7th 1853, and Elizabeth died at 82 years old in 1862. They both were laid to rest in the Lepley Cemetery ⁶ in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania. ⁷

Adam and Elizabeth Lepley had ten children.

- i. Daniel Lepley was born August 12th 1799. He moved to Greenville Township Somerset County. Daniel married Elizabeth Beal. Daniel died March 7th 1892.
- ii. Jacob Lepley was born June 7th 1801
- iii. Valentine Lepley was born April 23rd 1803
- iv. Johannah Lepley was born February 2nd 1805. She married Michael Korns Jr. Johanna died January 8th 1894.
- v. Catherine Lepley was born September 18th 1807. She lived with her mother and never married.
- vi. Susannah Lepley was born June 3rd 1810
- vii. Joseph Lepley was born November 26th 1812. He married Delilah Beal. Joseph died January 18th 1878
- viii. Adam Lepley III was born March 5th 1821. He married Sarah. He died in 1903 and was laid to rest in the Lepley Cemetery. ⁸
- ix. Barbara Lepley was born December 28th 1824.
- x. Harmon Horn Lepley
- xi. Amanda Lepley

Valentine Lepley (1803 - 1894)

Valentine (Felty) Lepley ⁹ was born April 3rd 1803 in Wellersburg Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania. He married Lydia Beal, who was born May 20th 1810. ¹⁰

Valentine died August 8th 1894. He and his wife were laid to rest in the Lepley Cemetery.

The family lived in present day Londonderry and Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.

Valentine and Lydia Beal had nine children.

- i. Lydia Lepley
- ii. Dennis B. Lepley was born January 6th 1830. He died August 3rd 1831
- iii. Josiah Valentine Lepley was born August 1st 1831. He married Missouri Ohley
- iv. Elizabeth (Betsy) Lepley was born November 23rd 1832. She married Dennis Cook. Elizabeth died May 1st 1900, and was laid to rest at the Cook Cemetery in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania. ¹¹
- v. Hannah Lepley was born November 30th 1834
- vi. Susanna Lepley was born August 1st 1836. She married Adam Troutman
- vii. John H. Lepley was born November 5th 1837. He married Susannah Reiber who died December 16th 1919
- viii. Jacob Lepley was born May 5th 1839, and died in 1864
- ix. Simon Lepley was born July 29th 1840, and died February 20th 1846

Lydia Beal-Lepley was 30 years, 10 months, and 9 days old when she died March 22nd 1841; shortly after the birth of Simon; most likely from child birth. Lydia was laid to rest in the Lepley Cemetery in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania. Her headstone had this inscription; Valentine “I live & your son lives too” ¹²

Valentine remarries to Maria Baker, who was born June 23rd 1823 in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania. Maria died at 61 years old when she died March 4th 1884.¹³ Valentine died August 8th 1894 in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.¹⁴

Valentine Lepley and Maria Baker had 13 children.

- x. Lydia Lepley was born November 29th 1844. She married Nathaniel Bittner. Lydia died September 14th 1914, and was laid to rest in the White Oak Church Cemetery.
- xi. Daniel Valentine Lepley was born February 10th 1846. When his sister, Lydia, died, Daniel lived in Adamsville, Ohio.¹⁵
- xii. Amos Lepley was born June 14th 1847, and died April 16th 1863.
- xiii. Lavina Lepley was born May 1848. She married Joe Shoemaker.
- xiv. Augustus Lepley was born August 8th 1851. He married Minerva Bittner. Augustus was 37 years, 1 month and 7 days old when he died September 11th 1888. He was laid to rest at the White Oak Cemetery in Larimer Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.¹⁶
- xv. Eleanor Lepley was born June 16th 1853. She married Jesse Kennel who died in March 1908.
- xvi. Millard F. Lepley was born August 6th 1856. He married Emma Burkett. When his sister, Lydia, died, Millard was living in Scalp Level, Pennsylvania.¹⁷
- xvii. Alice Lepley was born March 29th 1858. She married William H. Blume. Alice died December 21st 1932 in York, York County Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest in Lot 10 of the White Oak Church Cemetery in Salisbury Meyersdale Larimer Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.

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End Notes

¹ Johann Lepley Birth Place: Another German location was listed as Diefenbach, Enzkreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

² Lepley Family in America: The information came from "Ancestors of Johannah Lepley Kornss", Chapter XIII the 1949 book "Geneology of Michael Kornss, Sr. of Somerset County, Pennsylvania", which relates to Michael Kornss, Jr. who married Johannah Lepley.

³ The original gravestones for Adam and Barbara had the following inscriptions, as given by Marguerite Lepley Cockley in "The Lepley Family in America"; 1981, Page 3: Adam Lepley, Died August 26, 1831, Aged 86 Years, 6 Months, 20 Days; Barbary, wife of Adam Lepley, Died April 17, 1842, Aged 87 Years and 19 Days

⁴ Adam Lepley Birth: Willard's Gap is in present day Somerset County. Bedford County was formed from Cumberland County in 1771, and Somerset County was formed from Bedford in 1795. Pennsylvania. Willard's Gap is near where the Pennsylvania Rt 76 turnpike crosses the Allegheny Mountains.

⁵ Adam Lepley Justic of the Peace: This is recorded in the Adam Lepley family bible. The bible was printed in 1813 by Frederick Goeb in Somerset, PA. It was one of the first bibles printed in America west of the Allegheny Mountains.

⁶ Lepley Cemetery: The Lepley Cemetery is located in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

⁷ Another Adam Lepley and Wife Elizabeth are recorded at the Lepley Cemetery: Adam Lepley Death Date and Age: Adam Lepley died 1833 at 76 years old; Elizabeth Horn-Lepley died in 1862 at 82 years old, inscription; wife of Adam.

⁸ Adam Lepley Birth, Death and Burial: The information came from his headstone inscription located at the Lepley Cemetery is located in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

⁹ Valentine (Felty) Lepley Name: The name "Felty" came from his headstone inscription at the Lepley Cemetery is located in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

¹⁰ Lydia Beal Birth: The date came from her headstone at the Lepley Cemetery is located in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

¹¹ Elizabeth Birth, Daughter of Valentine, Marriage, Death and Burial: The information came from the Cook Cemetery Southampton Township, located Two Miles from Wellersburg. The graves were surveyed under the WPA Project; Graves Surveyed later by John Getz.

¹² Lydia Beal-Lepley Death, Age, and Inscription: The information came from her headstone located at the Lepley Cemetery in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

¹³ Maria Baker-Lepley 2nd Wife of Valentine, Her Death, Age, and Burial: The information came from her headstone located at the Lepley Cemetery in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

¹⁴ Valentine Lepley Death and Burial: The information came from his headstone inscription at the Lepley Cemetery, which is located in Southampton Township Somerset County Pennsylvania; about three miles north of Wellersburg on the original Lepley Farm.

¹⁵ Daniel Lepley Family: The information came from Lydia (Lepley) Bittner Obituary, 1914, Southampton Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; Meyersdale Commercial, Sept. 24, 1914; "Lydia Bittner" Wife of Nathaniel Bittner, of Southampton Township, died on September 14, 1914, aged 60 years, 10 months and 15 days. She is survived besides her husband by two sons and three daughters, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. O. P. Dom, Mrs. W. H. Blume, all of Meyersdale, Daniel V. Lepley, Adamsville, Ohio, and Millard, Scalp Level, Pa. The funeral occurred on Thursday following from here when Rev. Johnson, her pastor of Salisbury of the Lutheran Church preached the sermon, with interment in the White Oak Cemetery.

¹⁶ Augustus Lepley Death, Age, and Burial: The information came from his headstone at the White Oak Cemetery in Larimer Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.

¹⁷ Millard Family: The information came from Lydia (Lepley) Bittner Obituary, 1914, Southampton Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania; Meyersdale Commercial, Sept. 24, 1914; "Lydia Bittner" Wife of Nathaniel Bittner, of Southampton Township, died on September 14, 1914, aged 60 years, 10 months and 15 days. She is survived besides her husband by two sons and three daughters, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. O. P. Dom, Mrs. W. H. Blume, all of Meyersdale, Daniel V. Lepley, Adamsville, Ohio, and Millard, Scalp Level, Pa. The funeral occurred on Thursday following from here when Rev. Johnson, her pastor of Salisbury of the Lutheran Church preached the sermon, with interment in the White Oak Cemetery.