Introduction

In researching the early to mid 19th century Ebersole families of Lancaster County Pennsylvania, we realized that the families were very large. They usually lived on large farms next door to each other, and often times family members lived with other family members. The families were also an integral part of the faithful Mennonite culture.

This brings us to the history of 18th and 19th century Lancaster county and the Mennonite community, and the major townships were the Ebersole families settled:

Joseph Ebersole

Joseph married Annie Mussleman.

In 1850 Joseph and his wife lived with Ann Ebersole (b.1800) and her son Levi Ebersole, and Lydia Dubler (b.1834) in West Donegal Township Lancaster County. In the next home was John (b.1810) Ebersole and his wife Elizabeth (b.1811), and the Ann Heisey family, whose daughter Fanny would marry Joseph and Mary Ebersole’s son Joseph.

Joseph B. Ebersole (1806-187)

Levi M. Ebersole was born in August 12th 1832 to Joseph Ebersole and Annie Mussleman. [[1]](#footnote-1) Levi lived with the family in 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. By 1900 and 1910 he indicated that he never married, and he was living by himself. Levi was 81 years old when he died February 5th 1914 in West Donegal Township. He was laid to rest February 8th 1914 at Mount Tunnel Cemetery in Elizabethtown. Joseph Ebersole of Elizabethtown was the informant on his death certificate. [[2]](#endnote-1) FAG#:44968023 [[3]](#footnote-2)

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Birth: Jan. 24, 1809

Death: Mar. 25, 1879

Anna Ebersole (1811 - 1895)

Birth: Feb. 4, 1811

Death: Jul. 31, 1895

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Children:

Abraham Ebersole (1841 - 1842)\*

Ephraim Ebersole (1848 - 1849)\*

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John David Ebersole

Birth: Jan. 1, 1811

Lancaster County

Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Sep. 10, 1883

Lancaster County

Pennsylvania, USA

Spouse:

Fannie Longnecker Ebersole (1812 - 1888)\*

Children:

Levi Longnecker Ebersole (1840 - 1920)\*

Fanny L. Ebersole Rutt (1841 - 1904)\*

Goods Mennonite Church Cemetery, Elizabethtown, Lancaster County

Find A Grave Memorial# 15621704

Fannie Longnecker Ebersole

Birth: Nov. 22, 1812

Death: Nov. 29, 1888

EBERSOLE ­ On the 29th of November, in Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., of Pneumonia, Sister Fannie Ebersole, widow, aged 76 years and 7 days. Buried on the 2d of December, near Good's Meeting house. Text, Rev. 7:16, 17. A large congregation assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased sister. Sister Ebersole led a Christian life.

Parents:

Christian Longenecker (1785 - 1855)

Veronica Brenneman Longenecker (1789 - 1868)

Spouse:

John David Ebersole (1811 - 1883)

Children:

Levi Longnecker Ebersole (1840 - 1920)\*

Fanny L. Ebersole Rutt (1841 - 1904)\*

Siblings:

Rachel Longenecker (1806 - 1813)\*

Mary Longenecker (1809 - 1814)\*

Fannie Longnecker Ebersole (1812 - 1888)

John Longenecker (1817 - 1898)\*

Goods Mennonite Church Cemetery

Elizabethtown

Lancaster County

Pennsylvania. FAG#: 17237163

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2. 1850 Joseph Ebersole Census: West Donegal, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Roll: M432\_788; Page: 45A; Image: 95; Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

1. On Levi’s death certificate, his mother was identified as Annie Mussleman. However all the other children indicated their mother was Mary Hilsher. His brother Joseph Ebersole was the informant on his death certificate. There are no other Ebersole people with a mother named Annie Mussleman. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Levi M. Ebersole Name, Father’s Name, Birth Date, Residence, Death Date: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #13453, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. http://www.phmc.state.pa.us. Copy, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372 [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
3. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials, http://www.findagrave.com [↑](#footnote-ref-2)