

Catherine Lamer Fuchs Tells her Story

A hard coming we had of it, first the saying farewell to our parents. Not “auf Wiedersehen”, for we knew we would never see Baden County again. Then the cold winter in Liverpool waiting for the ship to sail in June, 1772. We were fourteen weeks on the Atlantic Ocean, with me sick most of the way. Then Baltimore, thanks be to God, and the birth of our first child, Jonas. I’d have been content to stay all my life in Baltimore, but Philip was excited by the promise of free land in Pennsylvania. So off we went. We cleared land for our farm. It was hard work, but we prospered. God gave us seven more babies. Then our neighbours turned against us because Philip would not join their revolution. So here we are again, this time on our way to Detroit. Our worldly goods are on pack horses, and we are driving our cattle before us. We pray to the Lord for a safe haven at last.

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Catherine Lamer was born in Burringa Township, Baden, Germany. In 1771 she married Philip Fuchs of Recha Township, also in Baden County. Philip and Catherine are my 7th-great-grandfather and grandmother.

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