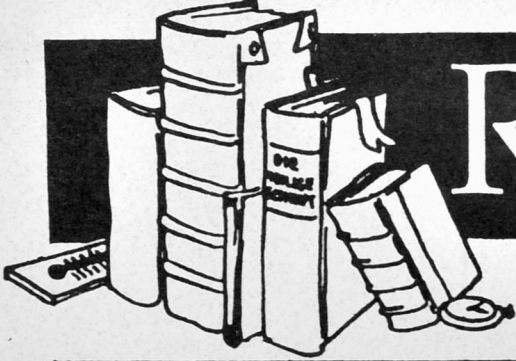


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THE JOHANNES HOLLY BIBLE

—by Leroy Beachy

When Joshua Yoder appeared in Ohio in 1818, he had come afoot. This was not too unusual for a single man who was younger, but since Joshua had already turned 26 in that year, his not coming on horseback may indicate an early disregard for earthly possessions, a characteristic that followed Joshua, "the Amish tramp," through his lifetime.

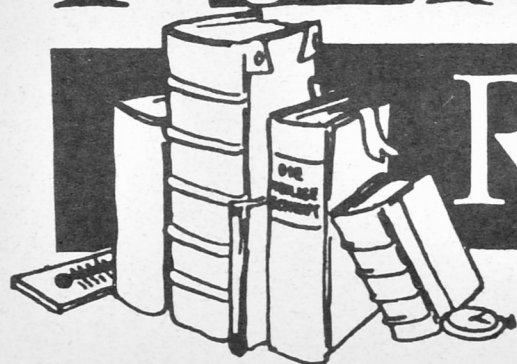
The fact that a family tradition says our ancestor walked every step of the way from Davidsville, Pa. to the Walnut Creek settlement is a strong indicator that he was single when he came; women were seldom expected to walk that far. The ages of his children appearing on the 1820 and 1830 censuses would insist, however, that his marriage to Catherine Kauffman must have taken place yet in 1818 or no later than very early the following year.

Added to the effort of every step on the pioneer's trail was a twelve pound burden strapped onto Joshua's broad back: a family heirloom, the Johannes Holly Bible. Joshua (YR2354) had become heir to the Bible by virtue of being born the eldest son of David Yoder (YR235), as David had before him; David being the eldest son of Christian Yoder's (YR23) second marriage, to Barbara Holly.

"The Johannes Holley Bible" was first published in the Budget in 1985 under the series "Unser Leit."

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VERLASSE MICH IM ALTER NICHT

Mein Lebensmorgen ist vergangen,
Die Sonne sinkt dem Abend zu;
Nach dir, mein Gott, geht mein Verlangen,
An deinem Herzen such ich Ruh,
Das Alter kommt herangeschritten;
O höre nun mein ernstlich Bitten!
Du weisst, O Herr, was mir gebricht.
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

Du hast in meinen Jugendtagen
Mich gnädiglich zu dir gelenkt:
Du hast dein schwaches Kind getragen
Und Frieden mir in's Herz geschenkt.
Ach, Herr, ich bin viel Dank dir schuldig,
Sei fernerhin mit mir geduldig;
Und geh nicht mit mir in's Gericht,
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

Manche Freunde, die ich hier geliebet,
Verlieszen schon dies Erdental;
Ihr Scheiden hat mein Herz betrübet—
Sie sind bei dir im Himmelssaal.
Es wird die Welt mir immer leerer,
Die Last der Sorgen immer schwerer;
Ich suche Herr, dein Angesicht,
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

Und wenn in meinen letzten Tagen
Des Körpers Kräfte abwärts gehn;
Wenn Aug und Ohr den Dienst versagen,
Die Lebensräder stille stehn;
Dann lasse mich in deinen Händen
Im Frieden hier mein Lauf vollenden;
Sei du, Herr, meine zuversicht,
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

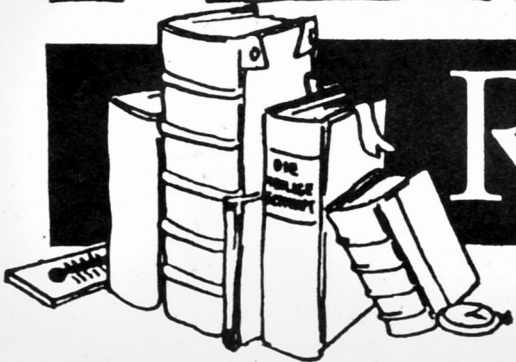
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A LOST WANDLEDE SEELE RECOVERED

by Edward Kline

Ohio saw a few settlers before the War of 1812, but the threat of Indian attacks kept this part of the Northwest territory from being settled heavily. In 1812 the early settlers in the Walnut Creek, Ohio area had fled for safety when a traveler spread a rumor that Tecumseh was coming through the area. Some went as far as the Ohio River and then turned back when they discovered that the rumor was false. Others returned to Somerset Co. and stayed there a while before returning to the Ohio wilderness.

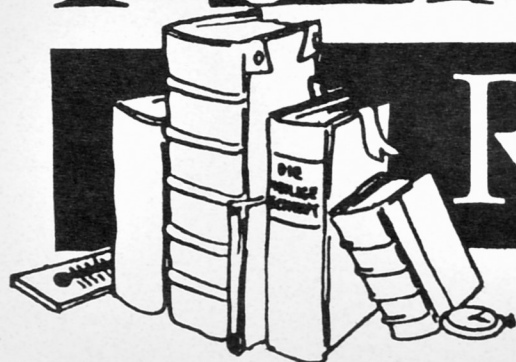
The Battle of Thames River on October 5, 1813 changed all that, because Tecumseh died on that battlefield as he fought on the side of the British with 600 other Indians. Without their charismatic leader, the league of Indians collapsed and the threat of Indian attacks in the Ohio territory virtually disappeared. This brought waves of hearty, brave, and adventurous pioneers into the heart of the land and into what used to be Indian country.

Caught up in this westward exodus was a Jacob Miller¹ who ventured north of the Ohio River into what is now Centerburg, Ohio. There he staked a claim in 1820, prob-

1. Jacob Miller was a fairly common name in that era. We do not know who he was or if he was Amish.

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MY PRAYER

and GOD'S ANSWER

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness that I might feel that need of God.

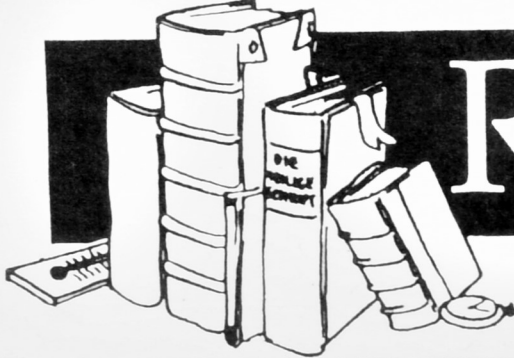
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for - *but everything that I had hoped for.*

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

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MORTALITY

*Komm sterblicher, betrachte mich,
Du lebst, ich lebe auf Erden,
Was du jetzt bist, das war ich auch,
Was ich bin, wirst du werden;
Du muszt hernach, ich bin vorhin;
Ach! denke nicht in deinem sinn,
Das du nicht dürfest sterben.*

Come mortal, consider me,
You live, I also lived upon the earth,
What you now are, such was I too,
What I now am, you also will become;
You must come hereafter, I go before;
O! think not in your heart,
That you might not die.

This short poem reminding the reader about the mortality of life was found in an old Bible, which has the name *Samuel Bär* written on top of the flyleaf and *Heidelberg Taunship, York County, Pa.* on the bottom of the flyleaf.