

Dedication and Forward

In memory of Katie B. Flickner Graber, who compiled the first Flickner Family Record in 1942, we pay tribute to her by printing her original history of our forefathers. She revised the record in 1954. The book was again revised in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Graber and Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Flickner. The book was again revised in 2004 and then again in 2014 by Mr. and Mrs. John H Hoag as a dedicated to Adina Flickner Schrag, who exemplified that courage, strength, love and devotion which are those characteristics all Flickners hope to achieve..

We want to express our sincere thanks to all who helped gather information for this record. We are sorry that it is not complete due to mistakes, and some requests to omit information. There are some missing dates and names, and perhaps wrong dates or names in some cases. Some data was not received, and some received was incomplete.

It is our sincere hope that the gathering and compiling of this family record will be interesting and useful, will bring us closer together, and strengthen our family ties.

Having reunions to strengthen our family ties is traditional. This is a continuation and update of the Flickner Family Record 1802- 2004 which was an update to the Flickner Family Record 1802-1985 compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Graber, Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. Graber, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gehring, and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin D. Kaufman.

Following is the Forward to Katie B Graber (neeFlickner) 1942 Flickner Family Record:

Our Forefathers and Pilgrims from Their Native Land into the Primitive Country

(A historical background, the following outline gives a brief history of their migration.)

We relate the history of our fathers in the early centuries of their life line, searching for freedom and welfare for their religion. The old country is the native land of our ancestors.

Our fathers, migrating through the centuries from one country to another in search of religious toleration and civil liberty, developed certain differences in their social and religious practices.

In the year of 1600 they traveled from place to place and continued their work by wandering around up to 1671. They came from Switzerland to Pfalz, then to France, then moved to Russia. This country was promised to them in 1762. They were to have their freedom and build the country up. After some years had gone by, they had to leave again and went to Lemburg, Austria in 1770.

In 1785 some moved back to Russia, then in 1787 they moved to Bruderhoff; Reditshoff and stayed until 1791, then went to Michalin. Some stayed back in Austria. In 1794 they moved to Dubono and stayed until 1801, then left for Wignanky and stayed there until 1817. In 1837 they went to Horodich; some went to Edwardsdorf. As the nation increased, they widened out more so not all stayed in the same place.

In 1861 their success was somewhat better in their training. Each year was giving new ideas in their simple life, but an uproar came. The plea was great for freedom. They decided to leave the

country for good, so in the year of 1874 they left their native land and came across the ocean to North America, to the primitive country, but the immigrants did not realize how great would be the challenge to their heroic faith.

They were unprepared for the hardships before them, but for such trials they did not weaken their resolution. Step by step they built their Theological training. They manifested a wonderful spirit of love and devotion. To the glory of God and the memory of our forefathers, we pause not only to commemorate the kind hearted faith and heroic sacrifices of our ancestors, but to voice our gratitude to God for the heritage of His promises fulfilled in their valiant deeds. As we honor the past, let us work with an increasing devotion for love, sincerity and faith.

We are hereby welcome to recommend for acquaintance to our relationship. We recollect the past many years gone by, and consider the years ahead to go onward.

This record is put up to honor our forefathers, for the convenience of ourselves and for acquaintance to our following generation. This shall also be an opportunity to proceed and to make known to the future. This record we may take with us as our companion as far as our period of retirement, and to inform the following generation.

In the hope that this record of the Five Branches of the Flickner Stem becomes an aid to ourselves and also to guide the future generation.

Ye may all that are of noble stem
Approach, and love her Sacred Vesture's Hem.

- By Katie B. Graber (nee Flickner)
Flickner Family Record 1802-1954