

Sherbondy / Carpenter / Zimmerman

Summary of German Ancestry clues

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There is evidence that the Sherbondy family and a branch of the Carpenter family have a common ancestor. Two Sherbondys (Jeffrey D and Kelly D) and two Carpenters (Charles C. and Richard Fell) have matching Family Tree Y-DNA at the 111 marker level. Per the Family Tree DNA definitions, this means that they are most certainly related within established surname lineages (early 1600's) within Western Europe.

Information leading to the source of the common ancestry is less precise. Here are clues as to the European ancestry of the two families from various sources.

John Sherbondy (Johann Cherpantier) Information:

Clue / Information; Association to John; Source:

Philip Bossard, neighbor (in 1760's Pennsylvania) and father-in-law of John Sherbondy. Johannes Phillip Bossard was born in 1706, **possibly in Alsace-Lorraine**. At age 34 he sailed for America on the ship "Samuel and Elizabeth", from Rotterdam arriving in Philadelphia on 30 Sept 1740. It is assumed he brought his wife, Eva Catherine and at least 2 or 3 children. Three sons were killed by Indians in 1756. They may have been born before 1740. One may have been named Samuel. Per the book, "Bossards, Bozards and Buzzards" by Mary Smith Jackson 1990. <https://sherbondy.org/Phillip%20Bossard%20Biography.pdf>

Per the **Tioga County PA History**, Andrew Bosard Biography, 858-859:

His grandfather, **Johan Philip Bossert**, immigrated from **Alsace, Germany, in 1729** and settled at Bossardsville, Monroe county, immediately below the Delaware Water Gap, in 1745, where he purchased a tract of land from the sons of William Penn.

Philip and Catherine resided in Williams Township 1751-1753 according to the records of the **Williams Township Congregation**. This is approximately 70 miles north of Philadelphia and could have been one of the stopping points on their trek to settling in Hamilton Township, approximately 33 miles north of Williams Township.

<https://sherbondy.org/Williams%20Township%20Congregation.pdf>.

Hans Georg Hartlieb on Ship Dragon von Konnen, arrived 26 Sep 1749, from Rotterdam, foreigners from the Palatinate and Zweibrucken. Georg Hartlieb is a neighbor of John Sherbondy in Pennsylvania in the 1760's.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/1pa/ships/dragon.txt>

Jacob Roth (b abt 1731 d 1757 PA), friend of Georg Hartlieb, **born in Ittlingen, Baden**, on the Rhine, West of Pforzheim (no source given, per family researchers). Arrived on the "Dragon" in Philadelphia 26 Sept 1749 with others "from Palatinate and Zwiebrucken.". Neighbor and friend of Georg Hartlieb and settler of Plainfield Township, Northampton County, PA. Killed by Indians in 1757. <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Roth-3675>

Christopher Keller, neighbor and relative of John Sherbondy by marriage. Christopher Keller and wife were natives of Holland. In route, Mr. Keller died. The wife and 2 children landed at Philadelphia and settled near Hamilton, PA in 1749. The widow married George Hartlieb. The son Christopher Jr (b. 1743) married Christina Bossard. The daughter Margaretha Catherina (b. cir 1746) married Johann Melchior Bossert.

Per the (Keller) source, "the local habitation of our European forebears cannot be determined. Those who qualified at Philadelphia recorded as Palatines, and in some instances, are added the words "and other foreigners." All that great region of the upper Rhine Valley from Cologne to Switzerland, from Alsace to Bavaria, with the Rhine Palatinate, the Black Forest of Baden, and Wurtemberg as the center, was the reservoir from which a great stream of immigrants flowed to America in the years 1727-1776." Per the book, "The Kellers of Hamilton Township" 1922. https://archive.org/stream/kellersofhamilto00kell/kellersofhamilto00kell_djvu.txt

John Sherbondy (John Shervanty) first appears in the US in Hamilton Township, PA in 1764 on a tax assessment list with Philip Bussert, George Hartlieb and 37 others. They were members of the Christ Church, the Evangelical Community for the Lutheran and for the Reformed Church in the community. The church records were written in German. In some of those records, his name is written as **Johann Cherpantier**.

Jacob Carpenter (Zimmerman) information:

Clue / Information; Association to Jacob; Source:

Jacob Carpenter was born in Switzerland (or Germany), unknown year. He married Margaret. Jacob's family had 7 members in 1782 and 6 members in 1784 in Hampshire County, VA.

Conrad Carpenter's family had 7 members in 1784 in Hampshire County, VA. Jacob's name was Zimmerman in Switzerland and he changed to the English equivalent of Carpenter soon after coming to America. Per family records (no sources).

Jacob Carpenter and his wife Margaret lived on 72 acres in this area (Upper Tract) in West Virginia in the late 1770's. No deed could be found so it's possible that he or his wife inherited the land. They sold the land in 1786. There **was another Jacob Carpenter** (b approx. 1777) and a Solomon Carpenter (b approx. 1782), both born in Virginia who are presumed to be sons of the first Jacob Carpenter. This is per research by genealogist William Rice in 2013.

The family were members of the North Mill Creek Lutheran Church, West Virginia, USA in 1791 when church records started. The Church records were written in German and used the name **Zimmerman**.

Jacob Conrad. Neighbor and possible personal connections to Jacob Carpenter. Jacob Conrad's writing in his bible states he was born on 17 May 1744 in **Attisvele (Attiswil), County of Biopp, Canton of Bern, Switzerland**. (per [Genealogist William Rice](#) and per the Conrad's family bible in the possession of Mrs. Pauline Harman of Franklin, West Virginia.) Born 11 May 1744 per the US Family Search Find A Grave Index.

Jacob Borer (Jacobus Conrad Borrer). Likely associated with the Carpenter family. Unconfirmed sources say he was born in **Battenberg, Germany**. FamilySearch (KCXG-71F) also says born 9 Feb 1728 in **Blauen, Basel, Switzerland**. His will was probated in 1778 in Hampshire County, WV. Sons named Charles and Jacob. Son Jacob was active in the North Mill Creek Lutheran Church. Jacob Carpenter married Margaret Borrer (unknown relation) per unconfirmed sources (per [Genealogist William Rice](#)).

Upper Tract, WV general store customer names include: Daniel Zimmerman (1772-1773), Barbara Zimmerman (1773), Nicholas Carpenter (1767-1770). Unknown if related. Per genealogist William Rice in 2013.

The following are **Jacob Zimmerman's** who arrived on ships to Philadelphia in the 1750's and 1760's. It is **not known** if any of these are the Jacob Zimmerman from West Virginia (who matches DNA with John Sherbondy). It cannot be know if it is the same person without further research (and DNA testing) in Germany and Switzerland (research being performed by the SFA). Of course, he could have immigrated at a young age with his parents whose names are unknown.

J Jacob Zimmerman, arrived 30 September 1754 in Philadelphia on the Palatine German immigrant ship Neptune.

Jacob Zimmelman, arrived 12 December 1768 in Philadelphia on the Palatine German immigrant ship Minerva.

Jacob Zimmerman, arrived 4 December 1771 in Philadelphia on the Palatine German immigrant ship Brig Betsy.

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