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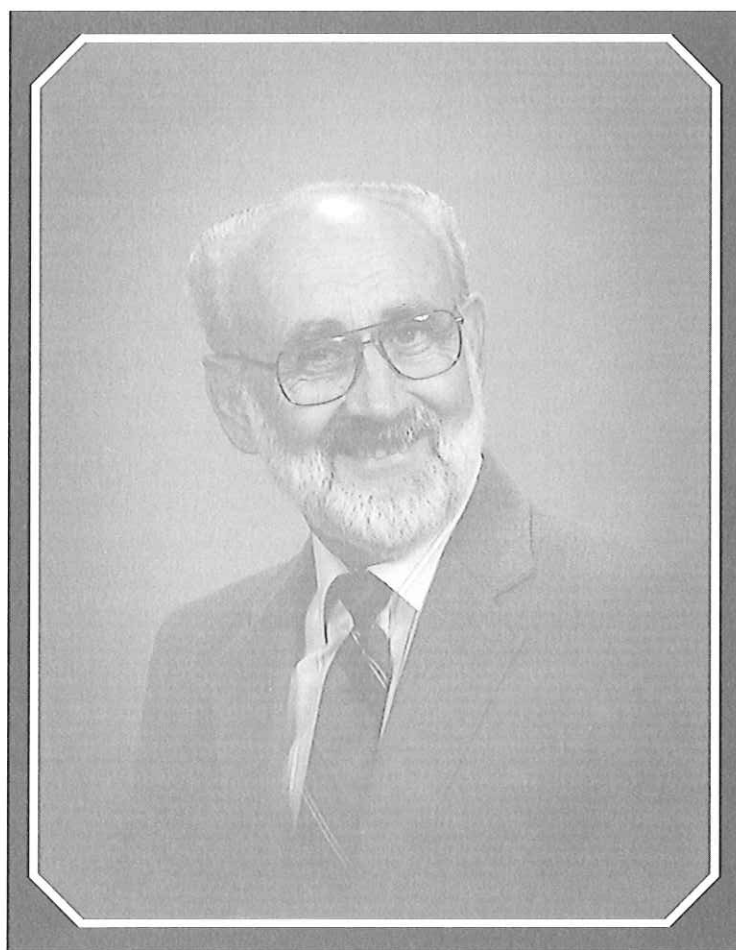
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DEDICATION

To Raymond Noah Beachy,
his parents, and thirteen siblings,
who form the nucleus of a remarkable family.



Raymond Noah Beachy
December 16, 1928–March 7, 1996

PREFACE

For those who are acquainted with other family record books, this one will need a little explaining. The computer software program used to compile this record is the *World Family Tree Maker*, Version #11. It arranges the families much the same way that other record keeping systems do.

The families are numbered from 1 to 1697 at the beginning of each paragraph. The number assigned to the family member is followed by the person's name. In (parenthesis) following the person's name is the name of the immediate ancestor (s), or parent and his or her generation number.

Where there is no number assigned it is because the individual has no immediate descendants. This can be due to being a child in their parent's home yet; single and not married yet, or married but having no children born to them yet.

There are fourteen generations listed beginning with Hans Biettschi in 1626 and ending

with the youngest child Brian Zachary Beachy born on Sept. 12, 2002. The very last child born and listed is in the thirteenth generation.

Included with some of the notes is information regarding burial place, occupation, education, medical, marriage, residence, church, ordination for deacon, preacher, minister and bishop. Where there was background information that was included, also.

An index is provided giving the page or pages where the person is listed. It also includes a listing of the many multiple births recorded in this family. There is one set of triplet girls and one set of triplet boys born along with multiple sets of twins recorded. There are five families that have given birth to two sets of twins each. The first double set of twins born to a family is the Moses Beachy family, son of Peter Beachy II. Abraham and Sarah were born November 26, 1815 and the second set, David and Peter Beachy were born on May 5, 1823.

INTRODUCTION

This work is submitted to the public in good faith. What began as recording of genealogy of his immediate family has now become a major work that has taken ten years and much research to complete. Initially it was the vision and work of my husband, Raymond Noah Beachy (1928-1996). His vision began to take shape after a very successful second family reunion of his siblings.

He began by using the family information contained in two books on the Peter Beachy family—the *Memorial History of Peter Bitsche* by Samuel M. Peachy and *Descendants of Peter Beachy 1823-1971* by Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schrock and Freda Schrock. Some family background was documented from the book *The Beachy Family—Our American Roots* by William V. and Betty K. Beachy. All other family genealogy information was obtained directly from each family through correspondence or personal contact. The computer software used is *Family Tree Maker* Version 9 and 11.

Intensely interested in family Ray enjoyed looking up and visiting with family members, no matter where they lived. In our travels during the eight plus years of our marriage, he always seemed to know where some of his family members or former friends lived. Many times we would drive miles off of our chosen path to go, visit and spend time with them before continuing our journey. Always made richer because of those times it was never a burden, but always a joy, to share this part of life with him.

Those visits afforded the author the opportunity of learning to know cousins who otherwise would have been strangers and only names on a paper. It has allowed me to be able to piece the family members together more intelligently. This has been such a fun project and has fostered interest in the genealogy of my own parents and their families.

Ray was a great “story teller” and it was always interesting to hear his stories even after the third or fourth telling. Possessing a sharp and quick mind he could hold you spellbound as he related the de-

tails and events of the story. His sense of humor was always present at those times too. Sensitive to family and friends, I never heard him utter a negative statement about another person. If he could not say something positive about the person, he said nothing. He simply remained quiet. This seems to be a Beachy family trait and is a tribute to the loving parents who raised this remarkable family. Music is, and always has been, an important part of this family. Most possess natural musical talent and love to sing as a group. Many play instruments of various kinds.

After a few years of talking about having a family reunion the first one was organized by, and held at the church of the oldest living child, Eli Walter Beachy. Eli and his children, along with some of his church members, hosted the first event. It was held in the summer of 1988 at the Beachy Amish/Mennonite Church in Franklin, Kentucky, where Eli and his family live, and where he served as bishop.

Present were 165 immediate descendants of Noah Eli and Lydian (Miller) Beachy. They gathered at the church on a warm summer Friday afternoon. They came from Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, California, Kentucky, Virginia, Arizona, Kansas, Washington State, Alaska, and Canada. As family members began to leave on Sunday afternoon each looked forward in anticipation of the next reunion. The decision had been made to meet again in three years. A committee composed of three couples was selected to plan and host the next reunion. Since that time the reunions have continued to be held every three years at various places with different family members hosting the event. One has been held in Ohio, one in Florida, and two in Pennsylvania and this year it will be in Tennessee. It continues to be the highlight for family members as they each look forward to renewing family relationships each time. It has helped to strengthen family ties for the younger generations as well as the older family members.

The family was privileged to have the patri-

arch of the family, Noah Eli Beachy, present at the first reunion. He was father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and was eighty-nine years of age on that memorable occasion. The mother, Lydian, had died on July 7, 1982, at the age of eighty-one years, nine months, and two days, succumbing to congestive heart failure. Both are buried side by side in the King Church Cemetery located in Hartville, Stark County, Ohio.

Nine months prior to the second reunion Noah Eli Beachy died. His life ended on October 18, 1990, in Pennsylvania following abdominal surgery. He was ninety-one years, one month, and eight days of age and had been in good health just prior to this, while living with his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Willis Troyer. Present at the second reunion was the only surviving member of the E. N. Beachy family. He is Daniel E. Beachy who was born on September 1, 1915, in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama. At this printing, he still lives in Hartville, with his wife, Ella S. (Slabaugh) Beachy. On July 9, 2002, they celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary. As this book is printed he and Ella remain alert, active, and involved with the family.

In July 1991, the second reunion was held and attended by many of those present at the first one, plus some new additions to the family through births and marriages. It too was a joyous occasion as stories were shared of the past and new persons introduced to the family. Photo albums were shared so those living in distant places could feel the love, warmth, and heartbeat of this wonderful family.

Following this reunion Ray began to compile by hand, on genealogy sheets, the members of his family. He was interested in ancestors and descendants and was recording each generation as he remembered them and researched others. A visit to Leroy Beachy in Walnut Creek, Holmes County, Ohio, provided much background information on family members. We are deeply indebted to Leroy for his valuable assistance in providing information and background on the family members who had come from Europe.

In 1993, a computer was purchased and we began transferring the information onto it, using the *Family Tree Maker* software. Little did we know then how large the project would become. Today it includes more than 13,700 names.

Many feel a deep interest in knowing names, places of residence and occupations of their ancestors and descendants. That search for knowledge is the reason for this work to be completed and made available to anyone who desires to have it in his or her home. In the Bible we are commended to honor our parents, and it does not seem to be out of place to go a little further and honor and cherish the memory of our forefathers and friends still living today.

Many letters were written to collect the material for this family record and many hours were consumed in arranging the material correctly. Even with the greatest of care mistakes can hardly be avoided on account of the great many dates and numbers to be arranged. Often letters of information were poorly written with names misspelled or dates incorrect, etc. We ask for your indulgence and patience as you use the information. It is the desire of the author to extend heartfelt thanks to all that sent in the records and assisted in many ways.

The author trusts that this book, although not perfect, may be useful, helpful and interesting, to those who read it. We have attempted to include some interesting stories and events about some of the family members. Also included are bits of information on church membership, church ordinations, occupations and who performed the ceremony for couples united in marriage. Some burial, educational and medical information is included. Some medical notes are made available, where known, in order to assist future families in knowing what genetic disease exist in the families. Twins abound in this family tree, and we have listed one hundred twenty-five sets. Five families had two sets of twins born to each of them while one family had three sets of twins born to them. One family had triplet daughters born to them prematurely, all failed to survive. Another family gave birth to triplet boys, all of whom survived.

We are hopeful that this book will help to answer questions regarding kinship. We also hope that the younger generations will benefit from learning of their ancestors. An assignment in some schools is given for the students to research their family trees. We prayerfully present this to them, to assist them with their research and documentation.

—Darla Beachy Kizer, December 1, 2004

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