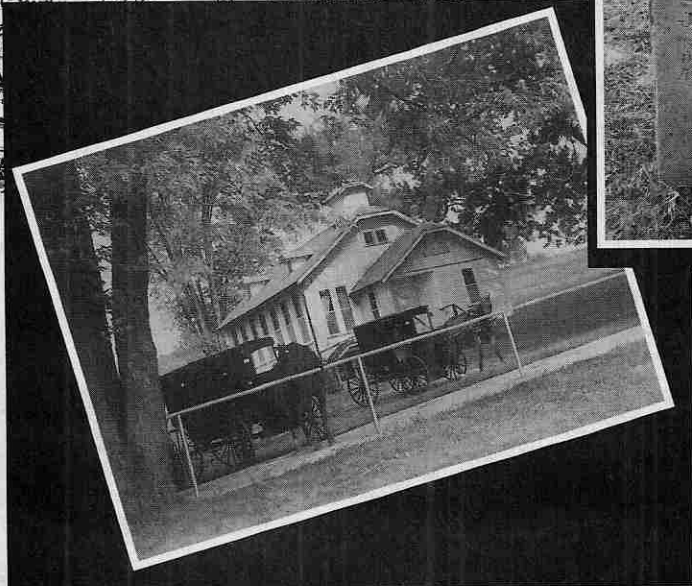
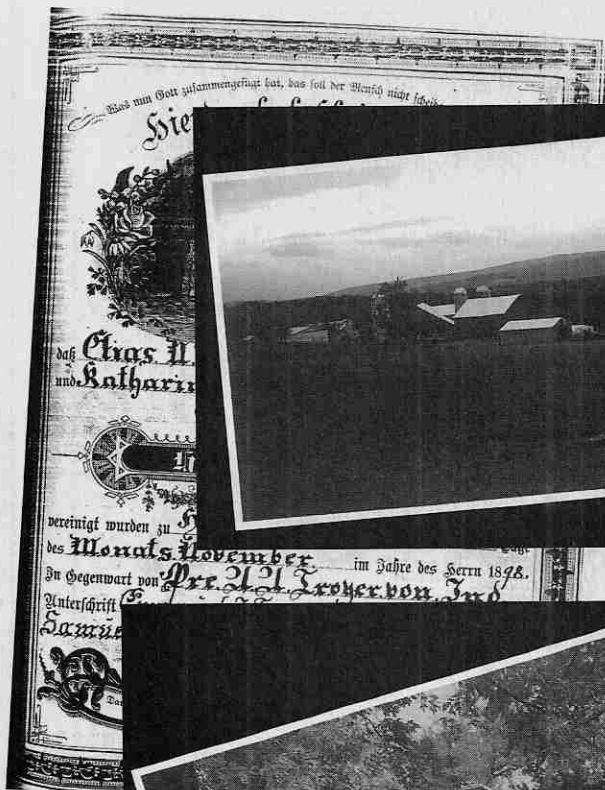


Family History



Was nun Gott zusammengefügt hat, das soll der Mensch nicht scheiden. Matth. 19: 6.

Hierdurch bescheinige ich



daß Elias N. Bilschy von Holmes Co. D.
und Katharina Miller von Holmes Co. D.

durch mich zum Bunde der

Heiligen Ehe

vereinigt wurden zu Holmes Co. D. am 24. Tage
des Monats November im Jahre des Herrn 1898.

In Gegenwart von Pfr. A. A. Troyer von Ind.

Unterschrift Emanuel J. Troyer Maria Miller
Samuel N. Bilschy Sarah Stutzman

Darum wird ein Mann seinen Vater und seine Mutter verlassen, und an seinem Weibe hängen, und sie werden sein ein Fleisch.
Mos. 2: 24.

Geburten



Noah C. Bitschy Dec. 3. September. 1899.
Levi C. Bitschy. September 10. 1901
Emende Bitschy. November 8. 1903
Anna Bitschy September 18. 1905.
LOVINA Beachy JANUARY 10. 1908
JONI Beachy AUGUST, 17. 1910
MARY Beachy MARCH, 9. 1913
DANIEL Beachy SEPT. 1. 1915

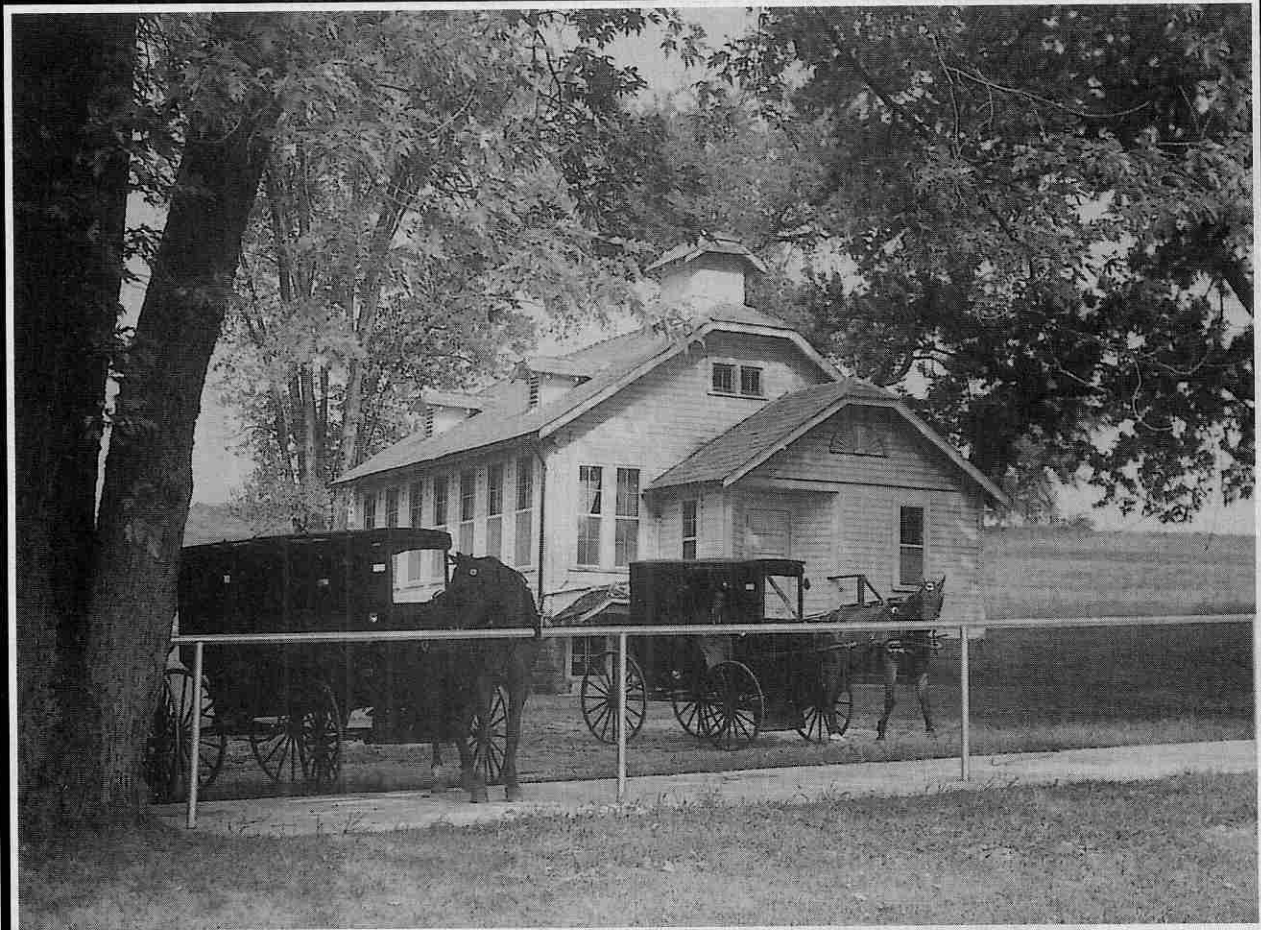
Elias N. Beachy born April 8th 1877
Katie (Miller) Beachy born Dec 12th 1875



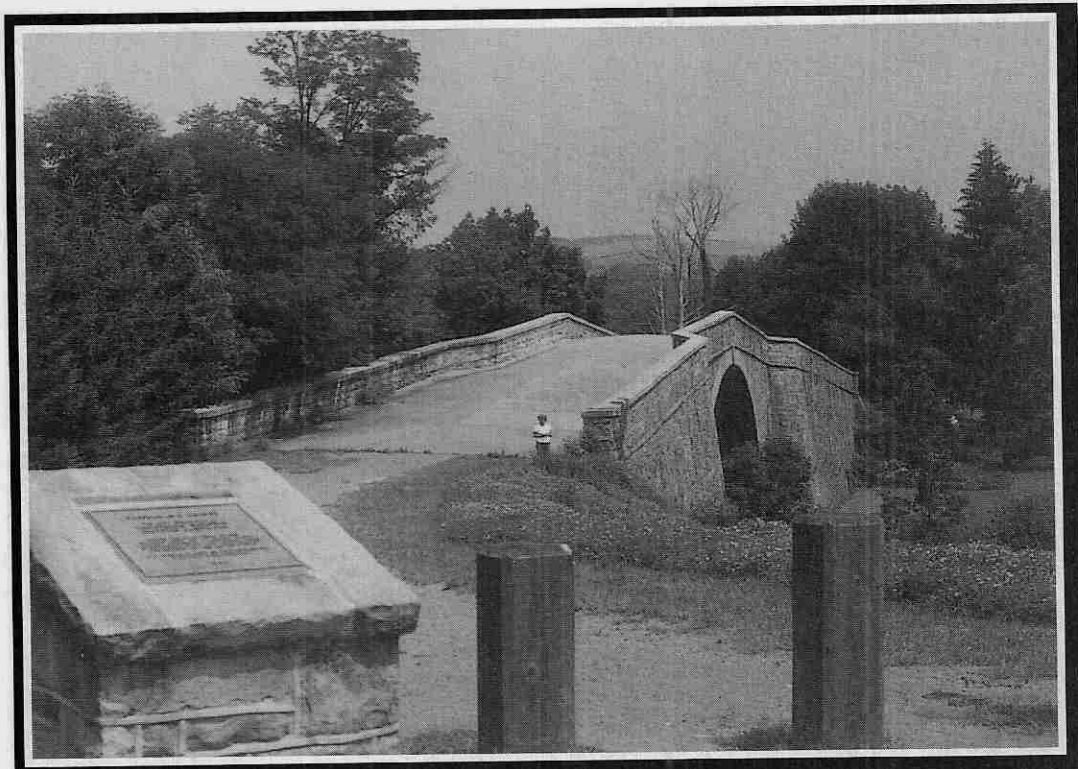
Home of the widow of Bishop Samuel N. Beachy s/o E. N. Beachy. After her death at the age of 103 years in Arthur, Illinois, her home was willed to a niece who had it moved from the farm into the town of Arthur where it has become a popular quilt shop.



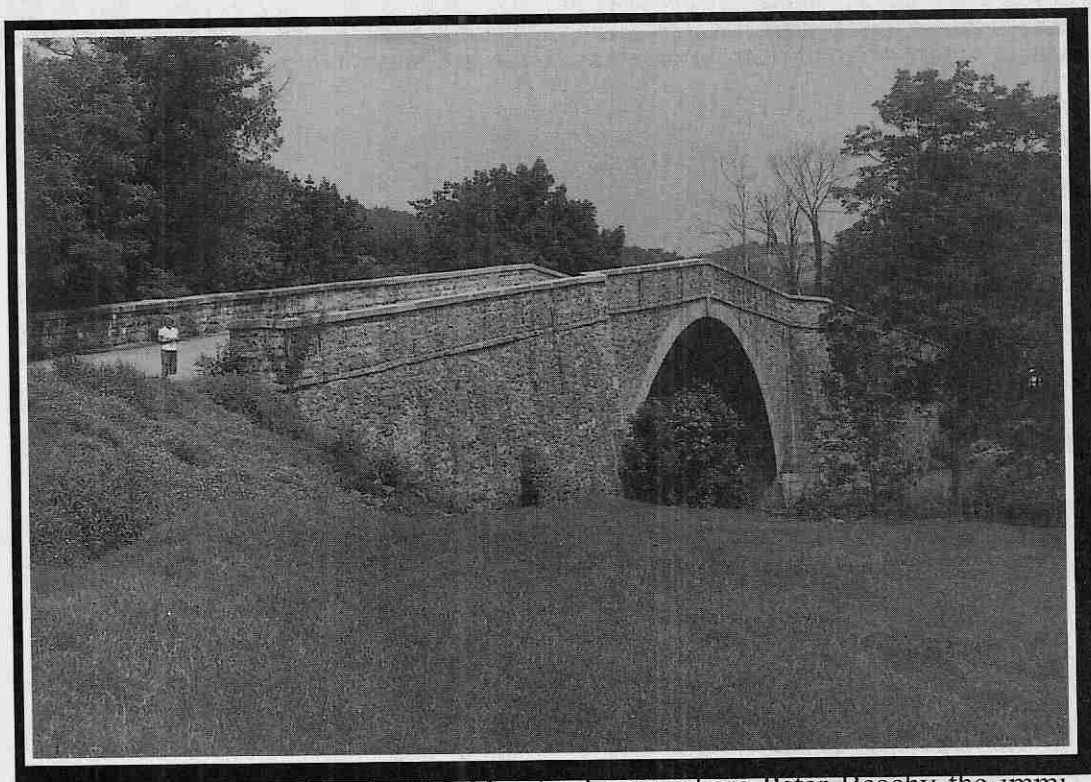
Home of Mrs. Beachy, widow of Bishop Samuel N. Beachy, s/o E. N. Beachy. Arthur, Illinois quilt shop. Mel Rose Quilts and Sew Forth.



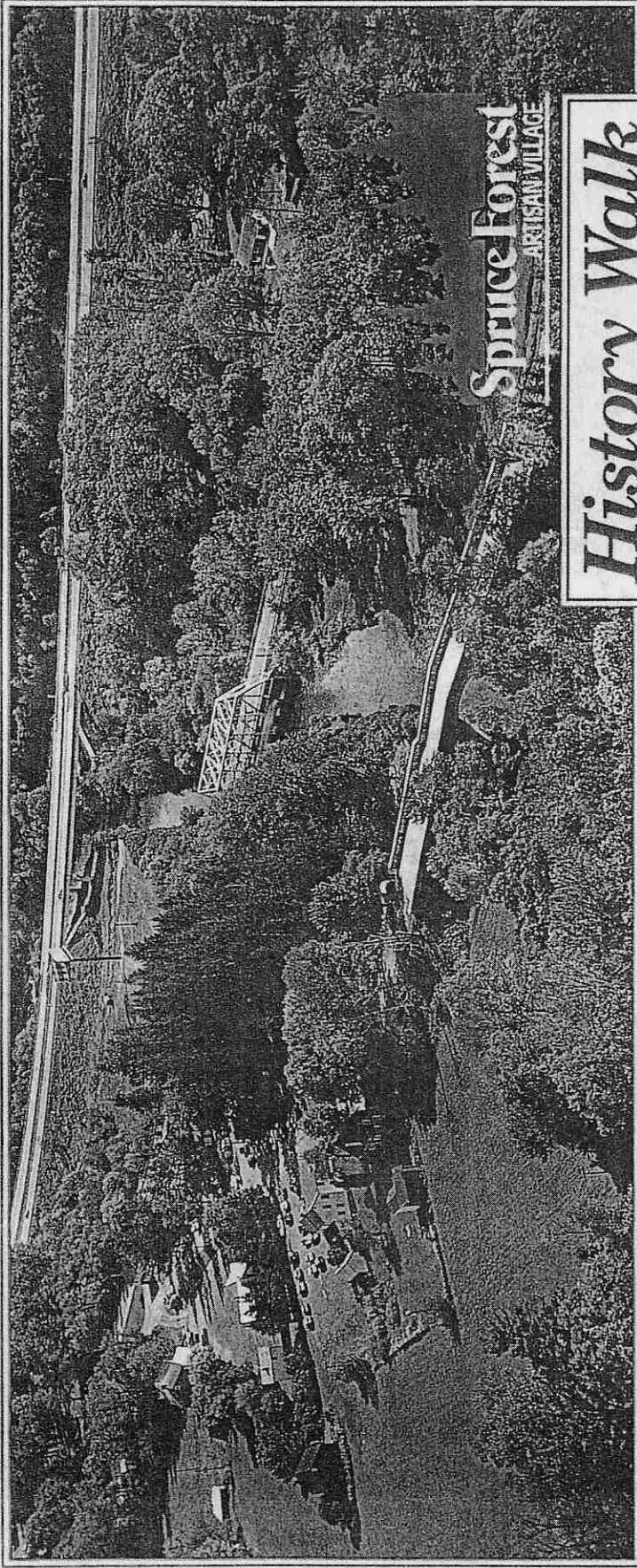
Amish school on road from Millersburg, Ohio to Charm, Ohio. 1996.



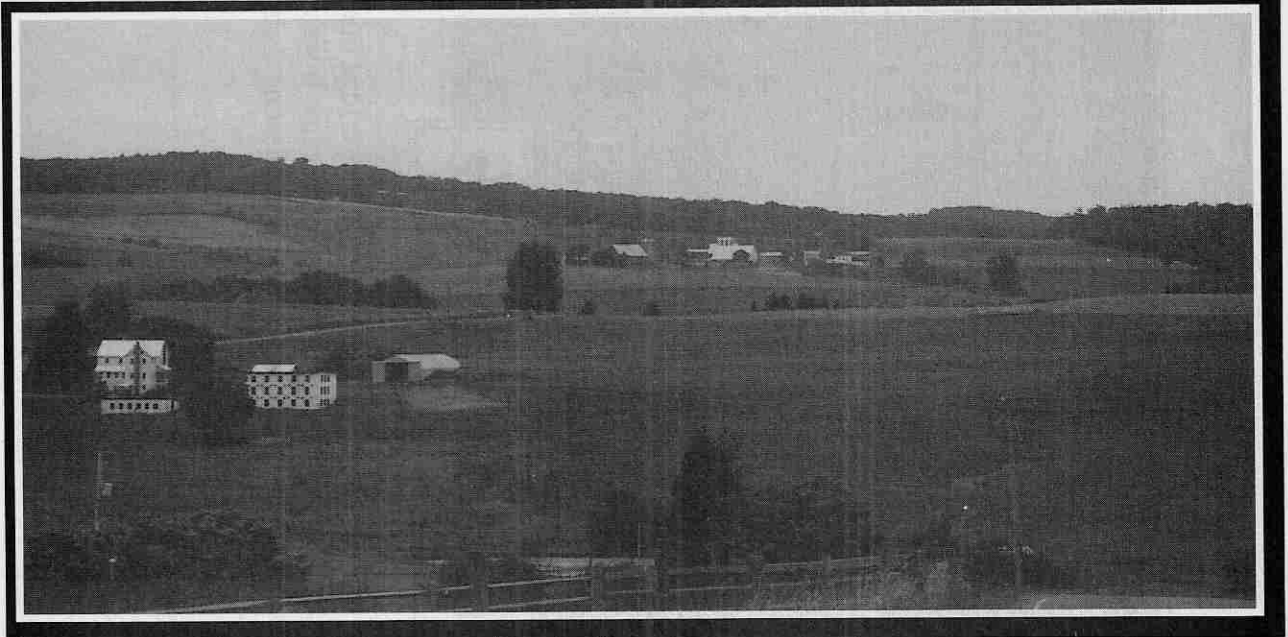
Cassellman Bridge near West Salisbury, Pennsylvania where Peter Beachy I is buried in the family farm cemetery. Taken in 1991.



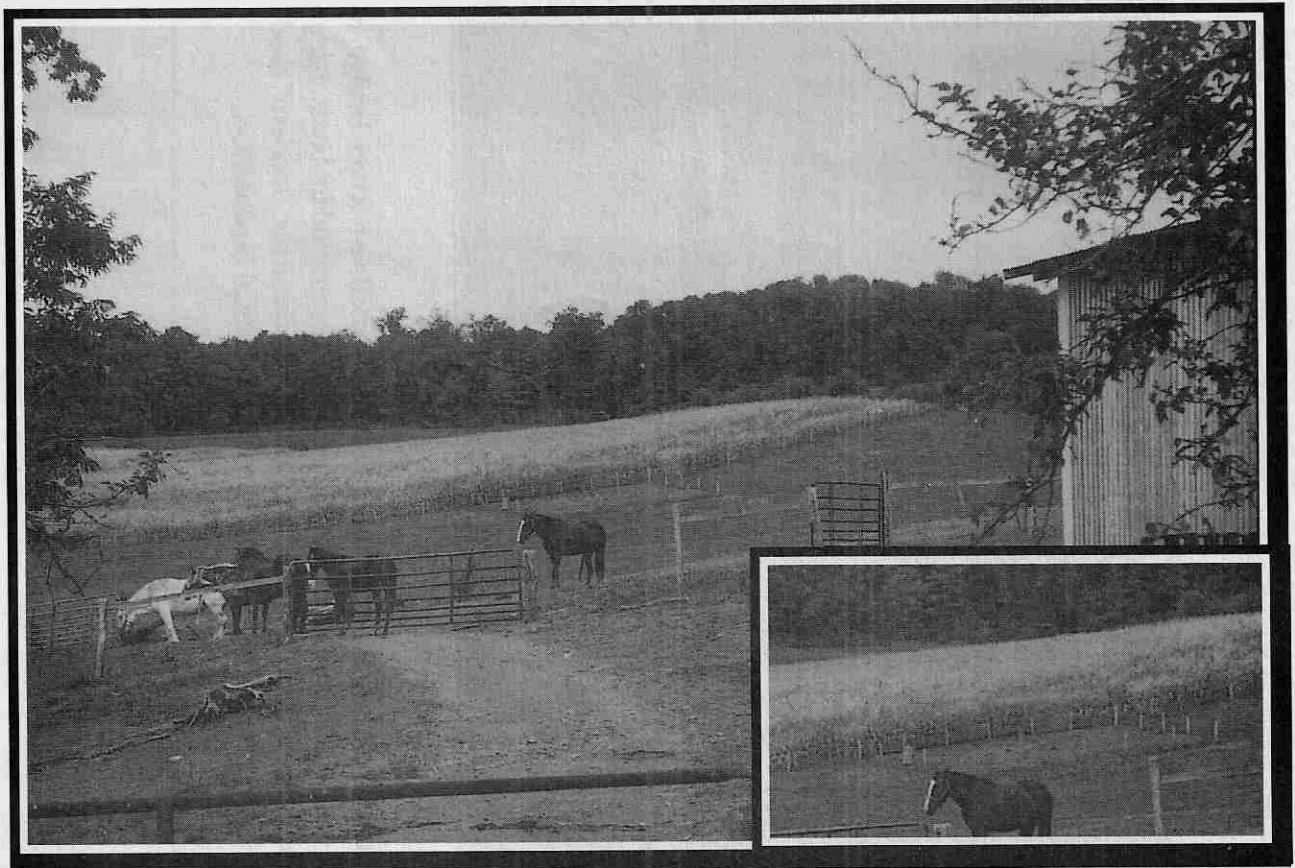
Cassellman Bridge, Grantsville, Maryland near where Peter Beachy the immigrant is buried. Taken in July 1991.



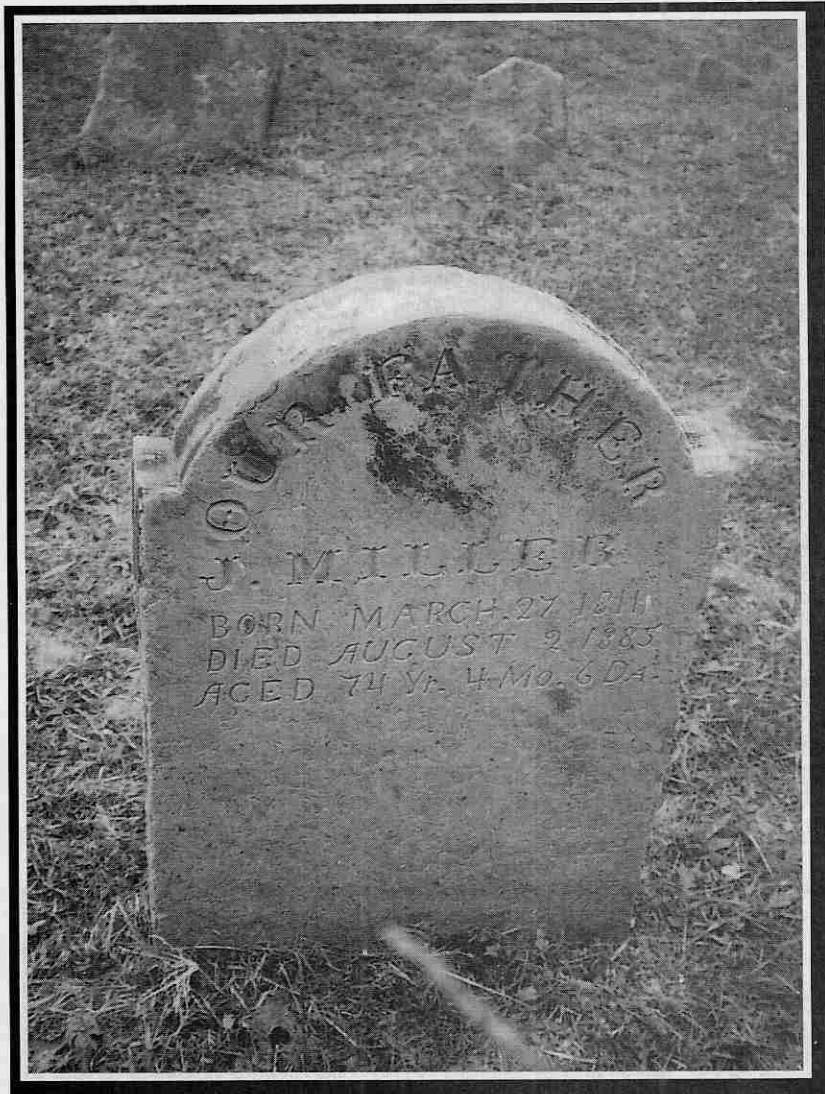
The bridge at the bottom of the picture is the Cassellman River Bridge. Jonas Beachy, son of Peter Beachy II helped build that bridge out of stone in 1813. It was arched in the center to accommodate boats using what was to be a commercial canal. However, by the time it was completed, the railroad and a "pike" road soon became the "modern" mode of transportation. It was America's largest single span stone arch when it was built. The bridge is now a local historical landmark.



Farm on the right in the distance is a Beachy farm.



You can see the Beachy cemetery out in the field in the fenced-in area. Peter II was buried there and possibly Peter I.



As you can see, the J. Miller stone is a much better stone than some of those in the background.



Catherine, wife of Joel Miller



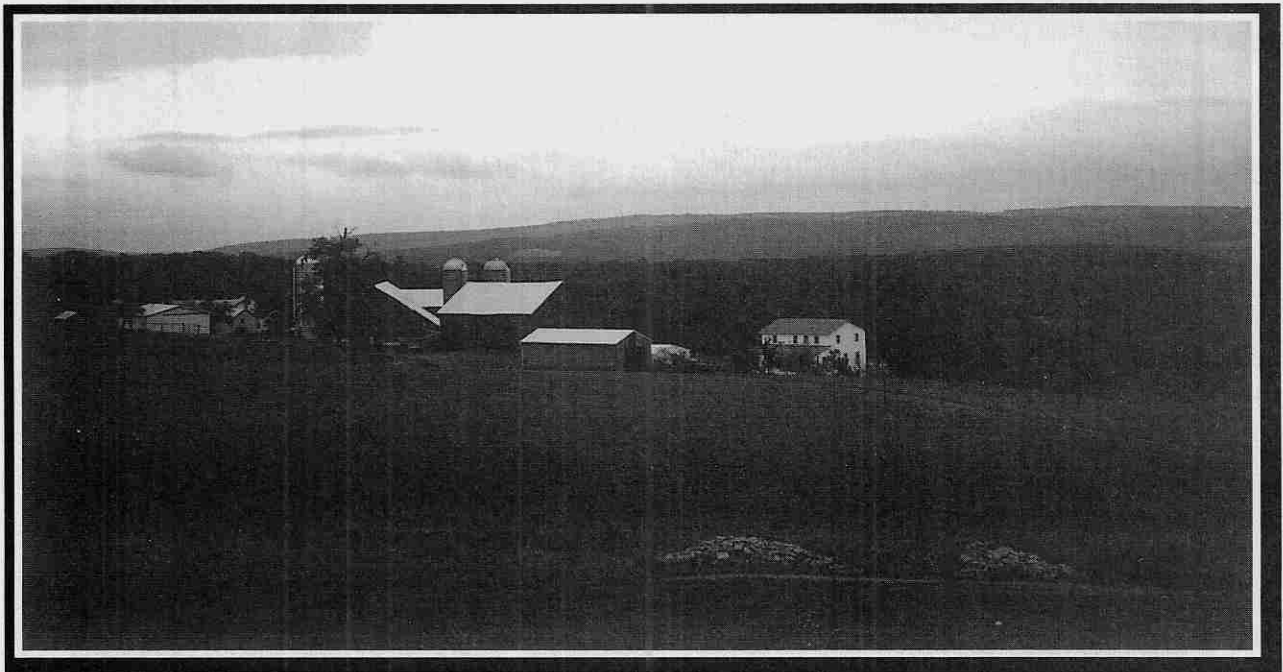
This might be Catherine Miller daughter of Peter II. She was married to Benedict Miller. This stone was typical of most stones.



Beautiful view! Left to right: Alvin Beachy, AZ.; Willis Troyer, PA; Eli N. Beachy, KY; John Beachy, OH; Dorothy (Troyer) Beachy, OH. Taken at the Beachy Cemetery in Somerset County, PA in 1995.



This B. Beachy was Barbara, wife of Peter III.



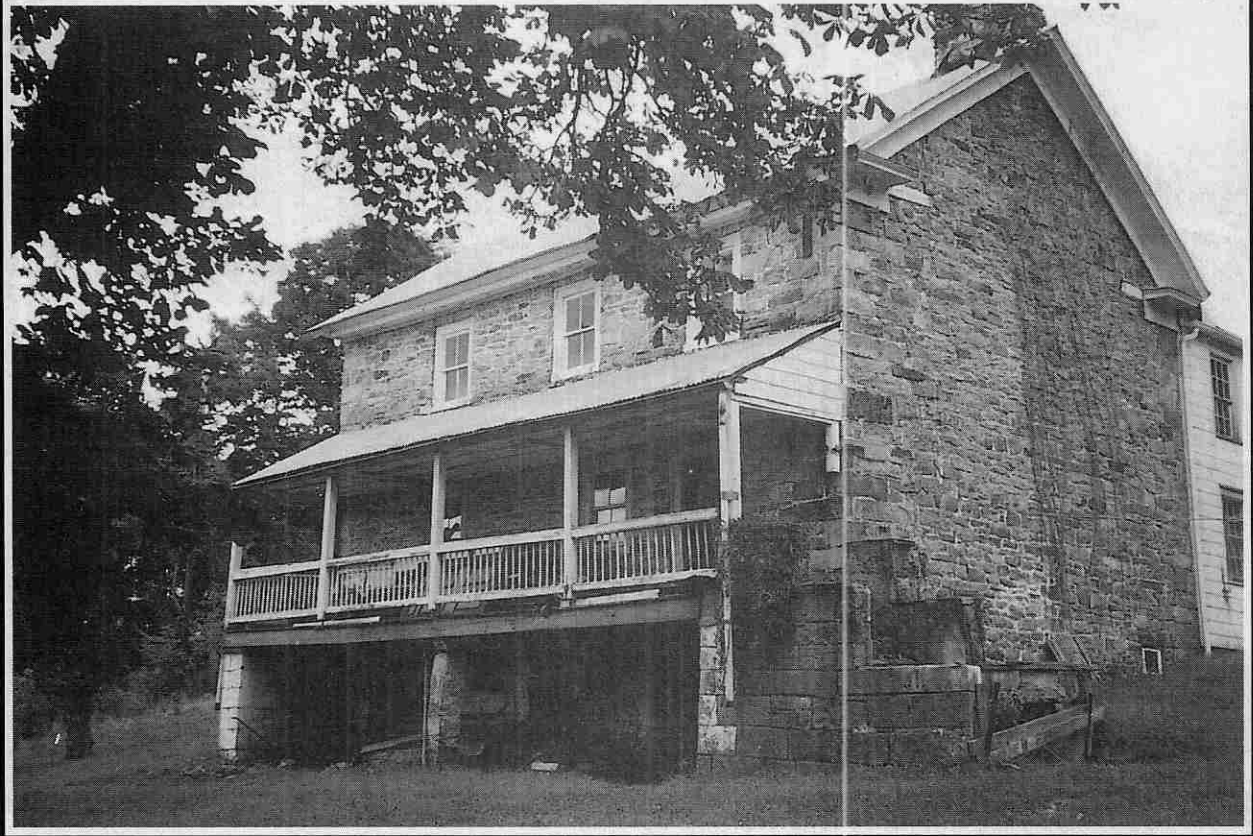
View from the Beachy Cemetery on the present Beachy farm. It was very cloudy that day, windy, 51°, and drizzling.



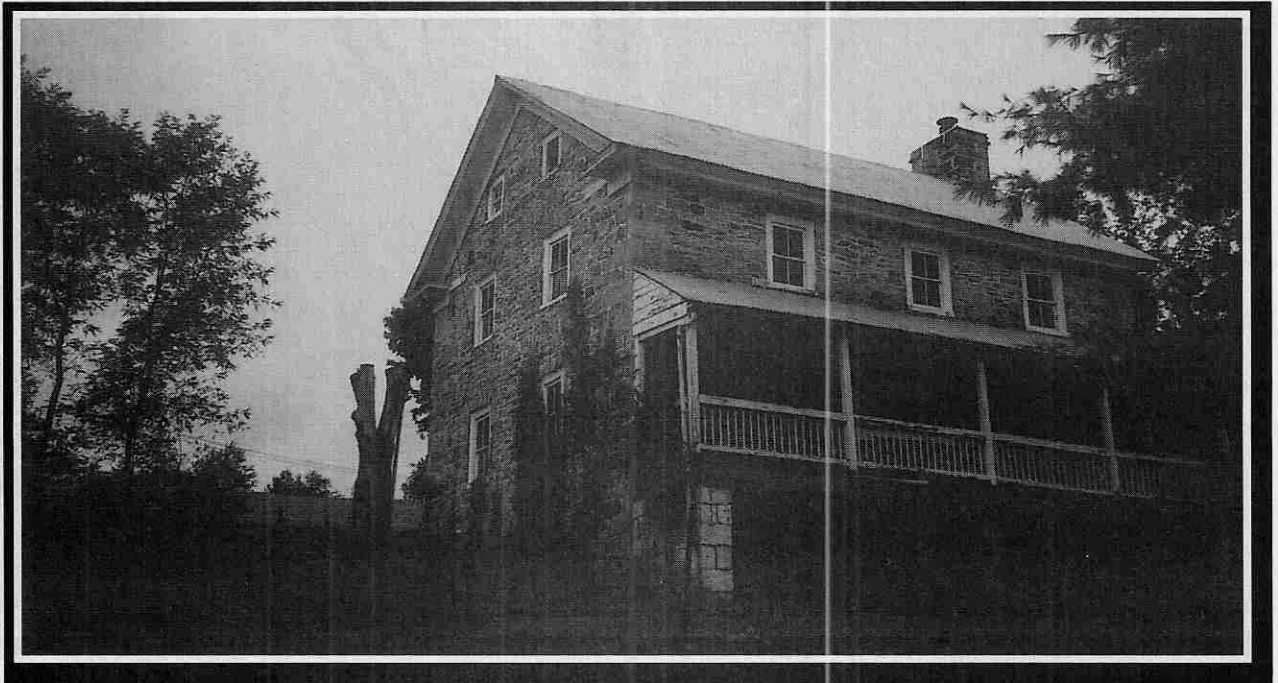
This is Compton's Mill. The Comptons were an old aristocratic family, who had ancestors that crossed the Potomac in the winter with General Washington. A Compton either married a Beachy or a Beachy married a Compton. This mill was built by a Beachy (way back). It is not being used today.



The Beachys were known for their stone cutting ability. They would drill holes in the rocks in the winter, put water in the holes, and expansion would break up the rocks. In the summer they used grain and water. These stones were cut, trimmed, and smoothed by Beachys.



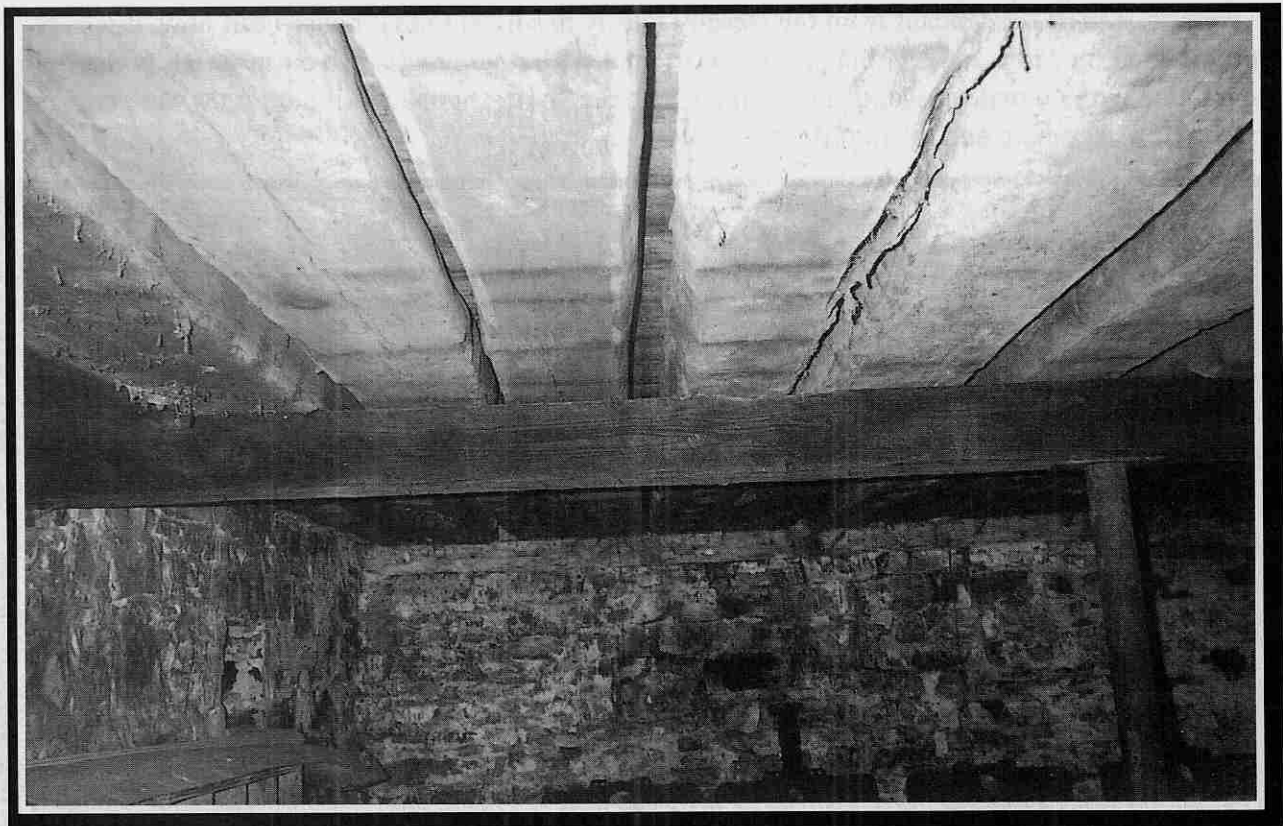
This was the highlight of the day! A beautiful old house built by Abraham, son of Peter I. Each generation a male descendant from the Beachy family has lived in that house until now. It is presently owned by Jerry and Martha (Compton) Beachy. His parents had lived in it. He is the first generation with no male descendants. So there's no one to pass it on to! All the stones were cut and gathered by Abraham and his family



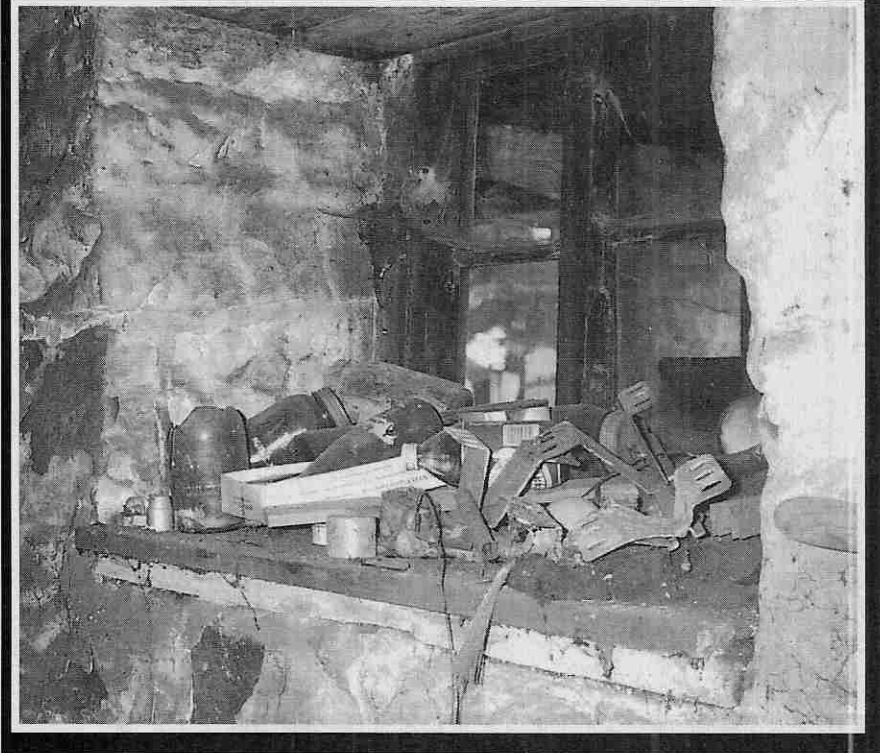
Other side of the house.



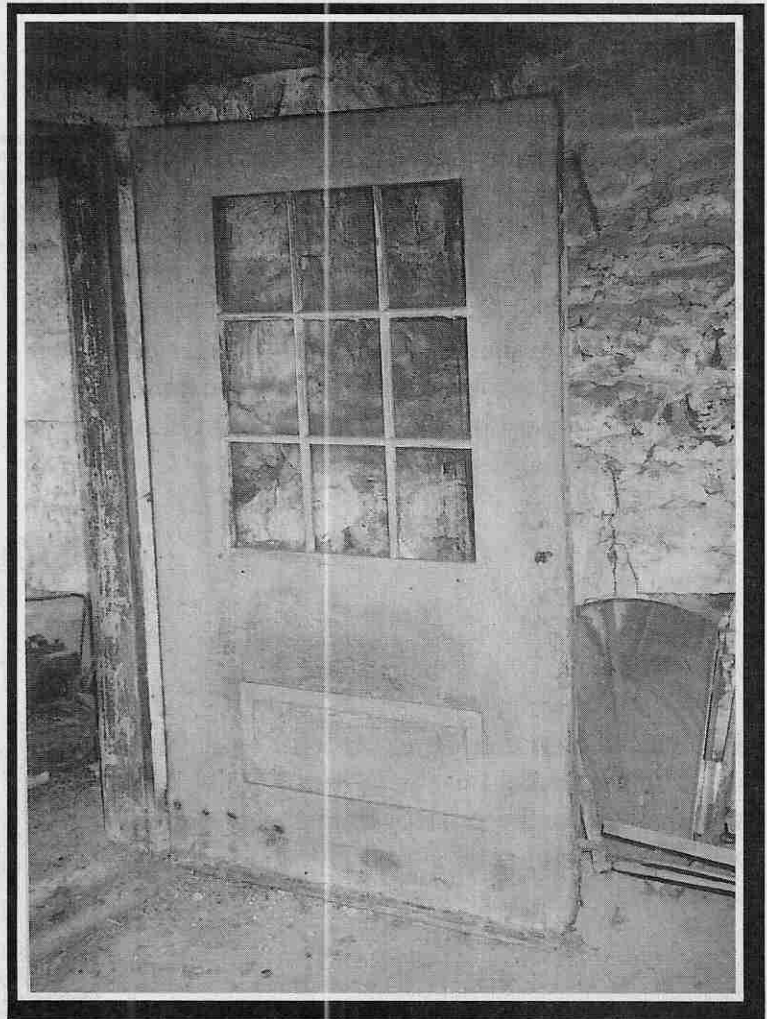
Notice short doorways into the basement.



Beams in basement. Like trees!



Taken in basement. How would you like window sills like that?



Basement door. Sorry someone didn't stand next to door to show size.



This picture is of the original Peter Bitsche house in Switzerland. In October of 1994, when this picture was taken, there was a Bitsche living in the house. It is a typical Swiss farmhouse and you can see there is a man standing in the middle door with his back to the camera. The location of this house would be in the Jura mountains of Switzerland which is where Peter lived. This is quite a large house and is built alongside a road. The photo and information came from Alvin J. Beachy of Holmes County, Ohio.

When Ray and I visited in Switzerland during the summer of 1990 we visited in a house very much like this one. Their farmhouses have the livestock housed on the ground floor along with their hay and grain products for the livestock and the family lives on the upper floors. This house looks like it is arranged in that fashion.

This red woolen dress was made of wool from sheep on the Daniel Beachy farm at Aurora, West Virginia. The entire process from sheep to dress was done in this home.

