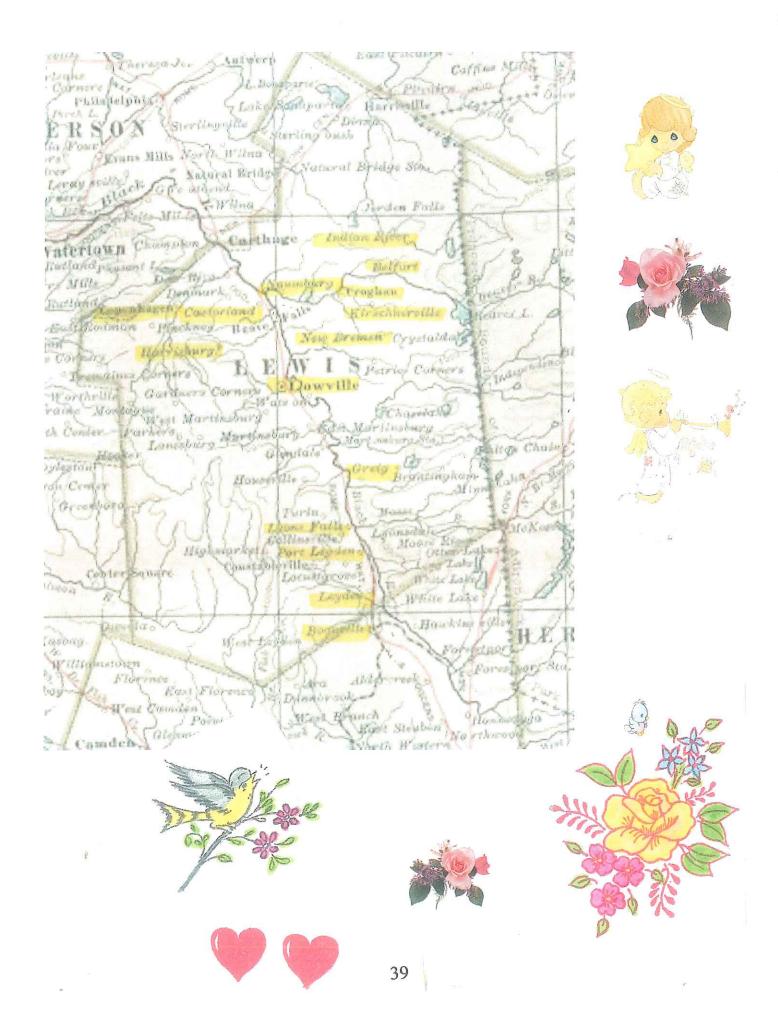
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Bem ein tugendsames Weib beideeret ift, die ist viel edler, denn die könlichen Werlen.







Peter Yancey (1822-1904)

Magdalena (Zehr) Yancey

Since many of the first and second geneartion Jantzis in America lived in the days before photography, especially Joseph (1812-1847), and because of the Amish and Mennonite aversion to having their pictures taken, it is amazing to find the above photos of Peter Yancey, half-brother to Joseph, and his wife Magdalena Zehr. We are reproducing them here, because this is probably the closest we will get to seeing a resemblance of Joseph, the progenitor of most of the family in this book. At any rate, it shows the typical Amish Mennonite hair and costume styles of the period.

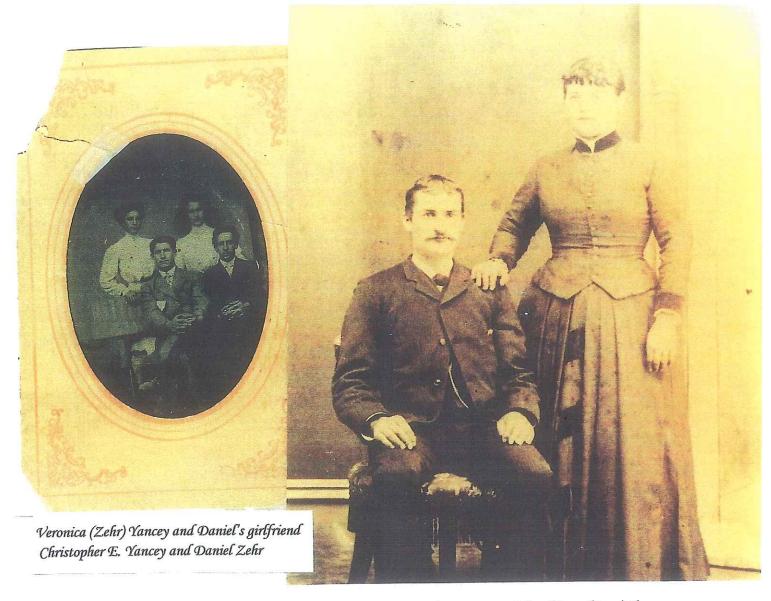
It would appear that Peter and Magdalena were in their early forties when these pictures were taken, which would date the pictures in the early 1860s. The pictures from which these copies were reproduced would indicate they were taken considerably later. Perhaps the pictures we used were already reproductions of earlier tintypes.

There are probably two reasons why the Amish and Mennonites at first did not accept photography. One was their reticence to accept anything new. The other reason, and the one which persists among conservative groups to this day, is the second of the Ten Commandments, which forbids the making of a graven image. In German, the word used for graven image is "Bild," which is the same word used for picture or photograph. The strictness of interpretation and practice varied from community to community and family to family.



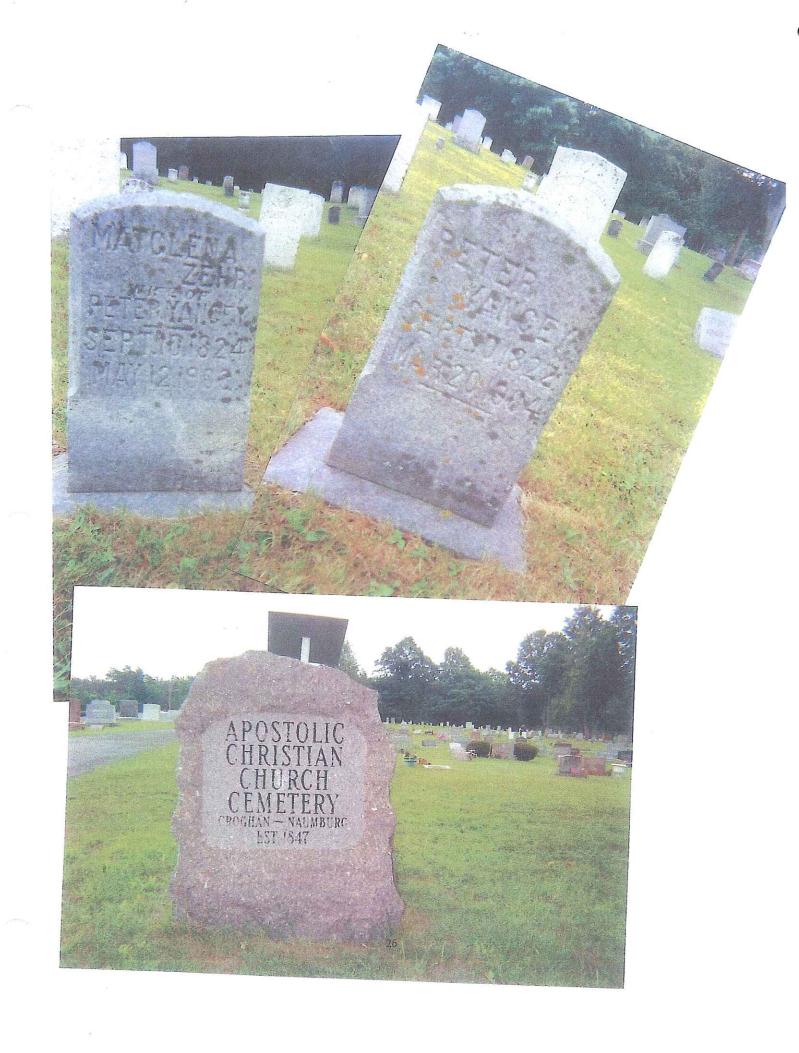
Dadville Mennonite Church, Lowville, N.Y. ~ July 2008





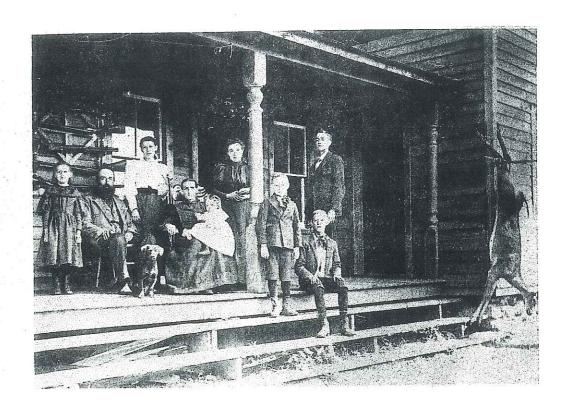
Wedding Photo ~ Daniel and Lena (Reyn) Yancey August 29, 1887 ~ Beaver Falls, N.Y.





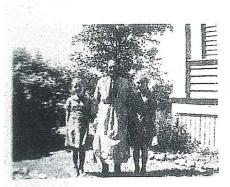






The John and Mary (Yancey) Ulrich Family
Long Pond, Lewis County, N.Y. (about 1895)

L-R: Minnie (Yousey), John (father), Mattie
(Albrecht), Mary (mother), Louise (Wideman),
Anna (Herzig), Benjamin, John Y., Peter (standing)



Mary (Yancey) Ulrich with granddaughters llara Wideman (Dintaman)(left) rlene Wideman (Snyder)(right) (taken about 1939)

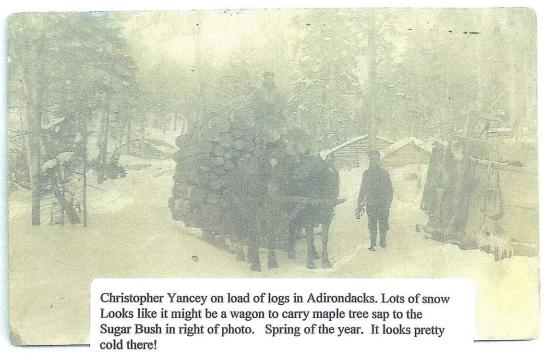


Mattie Ulrich (Albrecht)



Peter Ulrich







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Elsie (Yancey) Raymond Sister to Ed and Chris Yancey



Young Lena Louise Yancey - Sister to Ed and Chris Yancey Married Mason Howard Burdick