



A Patriot Story

Ludwick Liberger

Service: First Battalion of the Bedford [PA] County Militia / Continental Line

Residence: Wills Creek Settlement, Township of Londonderry, Bedford County PA

Born: 1735

Died: August 1827

Patriot Ancestor # A070262

My Patriot's story

Ludwick Liberger's father Johann Adam Leberger and mother Barbara, determined to migrate to the New World at the urging of William Penn, to escape decades of destructive wars, religious persecutions and crop failures in the Palatinate area of Germany. Johann and Barbara traveled through Rotterdam, then London, to arrive in Philadelphia in 1732. Ludwick served with two younger brothers, George and Nicholas, in the First Battalion of the Bedford County [PA] Militia / "Continental Line" as called between 1776 and 1779 where they roamed through the vast forests that covered their region to defend the inhabitants and look for incursions by Indians or Tory neighbors who had remained loyal to the British government.

Ludwick settled on Wolf Camp Run, a parcel of about fifty acres, about a mile west of Madley, PA. Ludwick and his first wife Barbara and second wife Phoebe had fifteen children. Ludwick had a tannery and a still on his property and erected one of the first mills in that part of the county. In 1805 there is a record of Ludwick, his first wife Barbara and their children, with family members and neighbors attending worship services and first communion in Ludwick's nephew Henry's home in neighboring Wills Creek that was known as the "Little Wills Creek Church". The congregation built the Lybarger Lutheran Church in 1839 that was eventually replaced by and renamed the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Madley in 1981. Ludwick lived on his farm in Wolf Camp Run until he passed, peacefully, in 1827.