

QUIET VALLEY LIVING HISTORICAL FARM

Children at Quiet Valley

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm was the home of generations of families from the 1760's until its creation as a living historical farm. Family life on an early Pennsylvania farm was much different from today; children worked as well as played at Quiet Valley. The following is designed to give you an idea of the presence of children under twenty at Quiet Valley throughout its long history. While this list is limited to those children under twenty, many of the children continued to live and work on the farm well after their twentieth birthday.

1770s - The Zepper Family

The original settlers of Quiet Valley in the 1760's were a small family unit upon their arrival. The only child that we know arrived with the Zeppers in the late 1760's was their daughter Katherine (also spelled Catherine). Katherine was born sometime around 1760 and would have been in her pre-teen years during the initial settlement of Quiet Valley.

1790 – The Zepper and Meyer Families

Johann Zepper and Susanne Zepper

- male child under 16 (name unknown)
- male child under 16 (name unknown)
- female child (name unknown)

Johann Ludwig Meyer and Katherine (Zepper) Meyer

- daughter Elizabeth, approx. 9 years old
- son Johann Melchoir, approx. 7 years old
- daughter Susanne, approx. 3 years old
- son, John Simon, infant

1800 – The Meyer Family

Johann Ludwig Meyer and Katherine (Zepper) Meyer

- daughter Elizabeth, approx. 19 years old
- son Johann Melchoir, approx. 17 years old
- daughter Susanne, approx. 13 years old
- son, John Simon, approx. 10 years old
- daughter, Catherine, approx. 7 years old
- daughter Rachel, approx. 5 years old
- son, Christian, approx. 2 years old

1810 – The Meyer Family

Johann Ludwig Meyer and Katherine (Zepper) Meyer

- son, Christian, approx. 12 years old

John Simon Meyer and Wife (name unknown)

- two sons under ten (names unknown)
- one daughter under ten (name unknown)

1820 – The Meyer Family

John Simon Meyer and Susanne (Shirley) Meyer

- son, between age of 16 and 26 (name unknown)
- daughter, between age of 16 and 26 (name unknown)
- son, under 10 (age unknown)
- daughter, Rachel, approx. 6 years old
- son, John Melchoir, approx. 4 years old
- daughter, Leah, infant

1830 – The Meyer Family

John Simon Meyer and Susanne (Shirley) Meyer

- daughter, Rachel, approx. 16 years old
- son, John Melchoir, approx. 14 years old
- daughter, Leah, approx. 10 years old
- daughter, Hannah, approx. 5 years old
- son, Lewis, approx. 2 years old
- daughter, Sarah Ann, approx. 1 year old

1840 – The Meyer Family

John Simon Meyer and Susanne (Shirley) Meyer

- daughter, Hannah, approx. 15 years old
- son, Lewis, approx. 12 years old
- daughter, Sarah Ann, approx. 11 year old
- son, Lewis Barry, approx. 2 years old

1850 – The Meyer and Marsh Families

John Simon Meyer and Susanne (Shirley) Meyer

- son, Lewis Barry, approx. 12 years old

Peter Marsh and Hannah (Meyer) Marsh

- daughter, Susan, approx. 6 years old
- daughter, Sarah, approx. 4 years old
- son, Lewis, approx. 2 years old

1860 – The Marsh Family

Peter Marsh and Hannah (Meyer) Marsh

- daughter, Susan, approx. 16 years old
- daughter, Sarah, approx. 14 years old
- son, Lewis, approx. 12 years old
- twin daughters, Mary and Martha, approx. 9 years old
- daughter, Rachael, approx. 6 years old
- daughter Ellen, approx. 4 years old

1870 – The Marsh Family

Peter Marsh and Hannah (Meyer) Marsh

- twin daughters, Mary and Martha, approx. 19 years old
- daughter, Rachael, approx. 16 years old
- daughter Ellen, approx. 14 years old

- son, Horace A., approx. 8

1880 – The Marsh Family

Peter Marsh and Hannah (Meyer) Marsh

- son, Horace A., approx. 18 years old
- grandson, Howard Werkheiser, approx. 10 years old

1890 – The Marsh Family

Horace A. Marsh and Emma J. (Hohenchildt) Marsh

- son, Chester, infant

1900 – The Marsh Family

Horace A. Marsh and Emma J. (Hohenchildt) Marsh

- son, Chester E., approx. 10 years old
- daughter, Florence, approx. 8 years old
- son, Howard, approx. 7 years old
- son, Fred, approx. 3 years old
- daughter, Blanche, approx. 1 year old

1910 – The Marsh Family

Horace A. Marsh and Emma J. (Hohenchildt) Marsh

- daughter, Florence, approx. 18 years old
- son, Howard, approx. 17 years old
- son, Fred, approx. 13 years old
- daughter, Blanche, approx. 11 years old
- son, Edwin, approx. 7 years old

Resources on Children at Quiet Valley

Home Life in Colonial Days by Alice Morse Earle

Home and Child Life in Colonial America by Shirley Glubok

Games and Songs of American Children by William Wells Newell

...If You Grew Up With Lincoln by Ann McGovern

Diary of an Early American Boy by Eric Sloane