

History of the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
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Peter Bernheisel, Sr.

Peter Bernheisel, son of **John Bernheisel** and **Catharine Loy**, was born Aug. 18, 1806, in Cumberland (now Perry) County, Pa. His father was a native of Berks County, Pa., where he was born May 12, 1765, settled in Perry County about the year 1800, and where he died on the 21st of September, 1825. His mother was also a native of Berks County, born May 1, 1768, and died in Perry County on the 31st of August, 1833.

Peter's early education was limited to the schools of the county until 1822, when he went to Carlisle, where he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder. About the year 1832 he came to Harrisburg, where he became a contract builder until the year 1859. He was the builder of the county jail and the Presbyterian Church on Second Street. He served as a member of the old Borough Council during the shinplaster era, and filled other municipal offices. In 1859 he relinquished house-building and went into the lime business.

Mr. Bernheisel married, first, on the 28th of August, 1826, **Margaret Uhler**, daughter of **John** and **Catharine Uhler** (1809-1848), and their children were **John Frederick** (d. s. p.), **Jeremiah** (d. s. p.), **Peter, Augustus** (d. s. p.), **George** (d. s. p.), **William Henry**, and **Jacob Houser** (d. s. p.) ; married, secondly, **Elizabeth Shott**, daughter of **John** and **Barbara Shott**, and they had **Barbara Catharine** (d. s. p.), **Valentine Hummel**, and **Rebecca Shott** (married **William Painter**); married, thirdly, **Frances Benedick**, daughter of **Bernard** and **Elizabeth Sigman**.

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