

The History of Perry County, Pennsylvania Including Descriptions of Indian and Pioneer Life from the Time of Earliest Settlement Sketches of Its Noted Men and Women and Many Professional Men By H. H. Hain, Harrisburg, Pa. 1922, Hain-Moore Company, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa. **Henry Flickinger, (10 Jan 1765 – 10 Nov 1853)**

Henry Flickinger, of Ickesburg was the worthy ancestor of the Flickinger families of Perry and Juniata Counties. Henry was the son of **Peter Flickinger**, 1730-1807, the immigrant, who was enrolled at Rotterdam, in Holland, as coming from the Palatinate in Germany and, sailing on the *Edinburg*, James Russell, captain, arrived at Philadelphia, September 14, 1753. **Peter Flickinger**, according to the best information available, was a farmer and, passing up the valley of the Schuylkill River, tarried awhile at Pottstown, but soon afterward located on the frontier in the vicinity of Reading, Berks County. Here he married **Mollie Derr**. Later he moved to East Buffalo Township (near Lewisburg), Northumberland, now Union County, raised a family of seven or eight children, and died at 77, in 1807. His wife died at the home of his son, **Henry**, at Ickesburg, four years later, and was taken for burial to the grave of her husband.

Henry Flickinger was a native of Berks County, and was born January 10, 1765. In his youth he made good use of his limited school privileges and learned the art of making shoes, that he might have steady employment during the winter months. About 1796, meeting **Thomas Stroock**, of Perry County, he accompanied him and worked for him three years on the **Stroock** farm, a few miles southwest of Ickesburg. In May, 1798, he married **Margaret Yohn**, a native of Montgomery County, and the next year located on a farm near Ickesburg. In 1833 he became a resident of Ickesburg and, assisted by **Peter**, his oldest son, devoted his entire time to shoemaking. **Henry** died November 10, 1853, in his eighty-ninth year; and **Margaret**, his wife, died at 74, on April 27th of the same year. Both were life-long, loyal and faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and were buried at Eshcol.

Henry Flickinger early in life formed the habit of reading useful books, and had a well-stored memory. He supplied his home, in that early day in which he lived, with a library that included some excellent works on history, biography, natural history, a German Bible, and Scott's complete commentary on the Bible. In his effort to surround his home and family with the best moral and religious influences, he was heartily seconded by his noble wife.

It is interesting to note the remarkable result. They raised a family of fourteen children. All of these growing to manhood and womanhood became active members and highly esteemed workers in the Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches. Such a beautiful record of the beneficent influence of moral and religious training in the home, in point of numbers and widely extended influence has not likely been surpassed by many Pennsylvania families.

Large families and long lives are two other noteworthy characteristics of **Henry** and wife, their children and grandchildren. Their large families and great ages indicate an inheritance of physical vigor that presages a lifelong period of usefulness.

The children of **Henry** and **Margaret Yohn Flickinger** married and located as follows:

1. **Peter** married **Margaret Ritter**, lived in Perry Co.
2. **Mary M.** married **William Shreffler**, 1846 went west, lived at Peoria, Ill.
3. **Bandina** married **Henry Long**, lived in Perry Co.
4. **John** married **Elizabeth Bixler**, lived in Perry Co.
5. **Nicholas** married **Rebecca Rice**, lived in Ohio.
6. **David** married **Rebecca Bousum**, lived in Perry Co.
7. **Elizabeth** married **Jacob Reisinger**, lived in Perry Co.
8. **Margaret** married **Erasmus Yocum**, lived in Huntingdon Co.
9. **Henry** married **Elizabeth Reisinger**, and later **Betsy Paden**, lived in Perry Co.
10. **Isaac** married **Mary Blain**, lived in Juniata Co.
11. **Daniel W.** married **Julia Ann Saylor**, lived in Juniata Co.
12. **Lydia Ann** married **Jeremiah Fuller**, lived in Perry Co.
13. **Joseph** married **Nancy Campbell**, lived in Perry Co.
14. **George** married **Susan Jacobs**, lived in Perry Co.

Public service has been rendered by this family as follows: **John Flickinger** served three years as a director of the poor of Perry County, superintended the erection of the county almshouse, and was an honored official of the Methodist Church. Dr. **Junius R.**, his son, served a term as county superintendent, two terms in state legislatures one in each of two different states, and fifteen years as principal of two state teachers' institutions. **Major Daniel W. Flickinger**, enlisting at Ickesburg with three other brothers, as a member of the Green Mountain Riflemen, was soon promoted and served several years as a major for training the militia of Perry County. Later he served three years as a commissioner in Juniata County. **Rev. Robert E.**, his son, became a Presbyterian minister and author of several historical books. **Joseph Flickinger** served three years as a director of the Perry County Almshouse, and **Levi Hiram**, his son, served three years as auditor, and four years as treasurer of Perry County. **Prof. H. W. Flickinger**, a son of **Peter**, in recognition of his genius and skill as a pen artist and lifelong service as an instructor, has been accorded the honor of being one of the best and most popular penmen of this country.