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Gelwicks and Gelwix Family.

Frederick Gelwicks, the ancestor of the **Gelwicks** and **Gelwix** families of Franklin County, was a native of Germany, and emigrated to Pennsylvania with his brother **John** in 1748, settling in York County. The name of his wife is unknown. He had issue:

1. **Peter** lived in Perry County.
2. **Philip** (II).
3. **Daniel** (III).
4. **John** lived near Shippensburg.
5. **George** lived near Karper's Church.
6. **Frederick** (IV).

(II) **Philip Gelwicks** (born in York County—died in June, 1844), son of **Frederick Gelwicks**, lived in Peters Township. By his wife **Elizabeth** he had issue:

1. **Frederick** (V).
2. **Catharine**.
3. **George** (died Oct. 25, 1875) married **Elizabeth**.
4. **John**.
5. **Susan**.
6. **Nancy**.

(III) **Daniel Gelwix** (born in York County—died in 1813), son of **Frederick Gelwicks**, married **Catharine Shalla** (born Sept. 17, 1742, died Jan. 1, 1802). He was the ancestor of the branch of the family that spell the name **Gelwix**. **Daniel** and **Catharine (Shalla) Gelwix** had issue:

1. **Dewalt** (VI).
2. **Mary**.
3. **Susan**.
4. **Magdalena**.
5. **Andrew** was a farmer in Adams County.
6. **Catharine**.

(IV) **Frederick Gelwicks** (born in York County, March 13, 1765—died Jan. 23, 1842), son of **Frederick Gelwicks**, lived in Adams County, and was a cooper by trade. He came to Franklin County in 1812, and bought a farm in St. Thomas Township that is still in the **Gelwicks** name. In 1819 he bought a tract of about 400 acres of land from Col. Joseph Armstrong, and settled on it. Of this large tract he retained 233 acres, which is still the homestead farm in possession of his grandson, **John F. Gelwicks**. He married **Catharine Heywiser** (born Jan. 2, 1770—died June 24, 1851). They had issue:

1. **Mary** married **George Hartzel**, of Adams County.

2. **Elizabeth** (born Nov. 20, 1799 — died Dec. 12, 1868), married **Jonathan Foltz**.
 3. **John** (VII).
 4. **Susan** married **Henry Weist**.
 5. **Rachel** married **Dr. David Crouse**.
 6. **Frederick** (VIII).
 7. **Catharine** died unmarried.
 8. **Sally** died unmarried.
- Two** died in infancy.

(V) **Frederick Gelwicks** (born Oct. 7, 1796—died Jan. 30, 1891), son of **Philip** and **Elizabeth Gelwicks**, was a farmer in Quincy and Guilford Townships. In 1850, he bought a large farm near New Franklin, where he lived until his death. He married **Nancy Dick** (born Dec. 29, 1803 — died April 19, 1884), daughter of **Jacob** and **Eve Dick**. They had issue:

1. **Mary A.**, born Jan. 16, 1831, married Jan. 2, 1851, **James McCleary**.
2. **John F.** (born May 4, 1832—died September, 1899) married (first) **Matilda Catharine Miles** (born Nov. 17, 1839—died Dec. 22, 1862), daughter of **William Miles**. They had issue: **D. Harvey**, unmarried; and **Annie**, who married (first) **Howard McNeal**, and had **Howard O.** and **Eva** and (second) **William J. Goulding**. He married (second) **Katharine Skelly**, daughter of **George** and **Lydia (Cremer) Skelly**, and they had issue: **John**, who married **Lavella Forney**; **Ida**, who married **Harry Poe**; **Emma**, who married **Wilford George**; and **George F.**, born Feb. 15, 1872, and died April 6, 1887.
3. **Anna Susan**, born April 16, 1834, married **Hiram Smith**.
4. **Nancy** (born Jan. 26, 1836—died July 18, 1896) married 1859, **Levi Overcash** (born Nov. 3, 1834—died Nov. 10, 1888), son of **George and Elizabeth (Layton) Overcash**; they had issue: **Ida**, born 1860, married August, 1880; **John A. Grove**; **Sarah Alice**, born Aug. 14, 1862, died Jan. 8, 1864; **Harvey Elmer**, born Sept. 9, 1865, married Jan. 17, 1899; **Mary E. Rummel**; **William Sevrenius**, born June 20, 1867, married August, 1891, **Sarah Jane Nicklas**; **Howard Benton**, born Dec. 11, 1869, married Feb. 2, 1892, **Lydia Viola Shaffer**; **Levi Clayton**, born Nov. 15, 1871, married October, 1896. **Sadie Dansberger**; **Nancy Grace**, born April 30, 1874, married May 8, 1901, **Charles Edgar Disert**; and **A. R. Pearl**, born Oct. 15, 1877, died Nov. 29, 1879.
5. **Peter**, born Aug. 15, 1837.
6. **Jacob**, born March 8, 1839.
7. **Jeremiah**, born Mar. 8, 1839, died Feb. 19, 1843.
8. **George**, born Nov. 14, 1840m died Feb. 23, 1843.
9. **Catharine R.**, born June 20, 1842, died young.
10. **Sarah Lucinda** (born Jan. 16, 1844—died May 5, 1899) married Jan. 27, 1878, **John Zarger**.
11. **Louisa** (born Oct. 21, 1845) married (first) **Cyrus Doscob**, and had issue: **Carrie Edith**, who married, August, 1893, **Howard Shetter**; **Nannie Alice**, who married October, 1888, **Oscar Cauffman**; **Augusta Myrtle**, who married March 17, 1890, **Harvey Frederick**; **Howard Gelwicks**, unmarried; **Sadie**, who died young; **Nora Ann** (born March 20, 1873, died April 19, 1902), who married Nov. 1, 1894, **S. F. Myers**; and **Ida Salome**, who died young. She married (second) **Levi Heefner**, and had **Lulu**.
12. **Eva A.**, born July 13, 1847, July 26, 1847.

(VI) **Dewalt Gelwix** (born Oct. 5, 1763), son of **Daniel** and **Catharine (Shalla) Gelwix**, married April 24, 1808, **Esther Knopp** (born Sept. 20, 1774—died Nov. 24, 1857); they had issue:

1. **Samuel**.
2. **Daniel (IX)**.
3. **Maria** (born Sept. 7, 1813—died Sept. 12, 1852) married (first) **Jacob Dunkle**, and had issue: **George**; **Mary**; **Amelia**, (born January, 1840—died Aug. 29, 1903), married May 8, 1866, **Martin Eyer**, and had, **Charles B.**, **Alice**, **Grace**, **George**, **Harry**, **Florence** and **Nannie**, and **Ann Maria** died young. She married (second), Aug. 1, 1850, **Jacob Nusbaum**.
4. **Charlotte** married **Walter Duey**, lived in Ohio, and had one son, **Oliver**.

(VII) **John Gelwicks** (born Nov. 1, 1797—died Dec. 5, 1876), son of **Frederick** and **Catharine (Heywiser) Gelwicks**, was a farmer in St. Thomas Township. He inherited the **Armstrong-Gelwicks** homestead. He married **Clara Schwartz** (born June 12, 1811—died Nov. 14, 1893), and they had issue:

1. **Frederick**.
2. **Catharine**.
3. **Charlotte**, born Nov. 22, 1830 — died unmarried Nov. 2, 1887.
4. **Susan** married **Mr. Shetron**.
5. **Margaret** married **John A. Heckman** [Heckman Family].
6. **Louisa** married **Mr. Brake**.
7. **Elizabeth** married a **Strock**.
8. **John F.** (born Feb. 5, 1853) is a farmer on the old **Armstrong-Gelwicks** homestead in St. Thomas Township. He was a county commissioner, 1900-03. He married Dec. 23, 1875, **Emma Virginia Keefer** (born Dec. 25, 1854), daughter of **Henry** and **Elizabeth (Weist) Keefer**, and they had issue: **Carry May**, **Nellie Viola**, **Clyde**, (deceased), **John Keefer** (deceased), **Ruth Elizabeth** and **Paul Luther**.

(VIII) **Frederick Gelwicks** (born in Adams County, April 4, 1808—died Oct. 21, 1883), son of **Frederick** and **Catharine (Heywiser) Gelwicks**, came to Franklin County with his father in 1812, and lived on the old **Gelwicks** homestead, near Edenville until 1837, when he bought the old **Campbell** homestead, near St. Thomas, from Gen. Charles T. Campbell. This is one of the historic farms of the county. It was originally bought from a chief of the Tuscaroras and the title was perfected by a patent from Thomas and Richard Penn. It comprised 465 acres, and at the time of the Indian purchase was called a "hide," that is as much land as a hide would stretch around when cut into a strip. **Mr. Gelwicks** married **Nancy A. Brindle** (born Nov. 18, 1819 — died Feb. 16, 1878), only child of **John Brindle**, of St. Thomas Township, a son of **Melchior Brindle**, the latter a native of Lancaster County; they had issue:

1. **Rachel Elizabeth** (born Aug. 19, 1839—died Dec. 7, 1899) married **Jacob S. Strock**.
2. **Mary Catharine**, born Jan. 30, 1841, died March 7, 1843.
3. **Maria S.** married **Rev. S. A. Mowers**.
4. **Leah Matilda** born Nov. 13, 1844, died Sept. 22, 1833.
5. **Laura F.** married **Albert P. Spessard**.

6. **Cyrus C. (X).**

(IX) **Daniel Gelwix** (born July 26, 1809—died Nov. 29, 1892), son of **Dewalt** and **Esther (Knopp) Gelwix**, was a blacksmith and for many years a justice of the peace at Upper Strasburg. He was a county commissioner, 1876-79. He married **Sarah Cormany** (born Dec. 10, 1814—died March 2, 1893), daughter of **Anthony Cormany**, and they had issue:

1. **William H.** (born April 17, 1837 —died Aug. 28, 1864) served in Capt. Hollinger's company and was accidentally killed by the discharge of a revolver, near Chambersburg, while in service.
2. **Mary J.** married **Philip M. Shoemaker** [Shoemaker Family].
3. **Samuel** (XI).
4. **James M.** (born March 28, 1844) studied medicine and was graduated M. D., at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1866. He began the practice of his profession at Upper Strasburg, in which he continued until 1893, when he retired because of ill health. He married Dec. 3, 1868, **Jennie Zullinger**, daughter of **Jeremiah Zullinger**, and they have issue: **Sarah** and **John**.
5. **Annie E.**, born July 1, 1846, married **Abraham R. Miller**, of York, and has a son, **James G.**
6. **Sarah C.** born April 27, 1849, is unmarried and lives in Kansas.
7. **George W.** (born Nov. 21, 1852) went West in 1876, and settled at Thayer, Kans., where he is engaged in mercantile pursuits, he married **Laura Cauffman**, a native of Maryland, and they had issue: **Edward G.**, Mont, and a **son** deceased.

(X) **Cyrus C. Gelwtcks** (born in St. Thomas township, Feb. 7, 1851), son of **Frederick** and **Nancy A. (Brindle) Gelwicks**, was educated in the public schools and at Mercersburg College. At the age of twenty he began merchandising in St. Thomas, in which he was engaged for a quarter of a century. In 1901, he helped to establish the St. Thomas Bank, of which he is cashier. He has always been an active Democrat, and has been a delegate to the Democratic County and State Conventions nearly every year since he was of age. He never consented to be a candidate for office except once, when he was nominated for the State Legislature. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of George Washington Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Continental Commandery and the Ancient Scottish Rite, Harrisburg Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. **Mr. Gelwicks** married Feb. 21, 1878, **Jennie M. Bossart** (born Dec. 31, 1852), daughter of **William** and **Martha (Hege) Bossart**.

(XI) **Samuel Gelwix** (born at Upper Strasburg, Dec. 20, 1841), son of **Daniel** and **Sarah (Cormany) Gelwix**, was educated in the public schools of his native village, at the Chambersburg Academy and at the Susquehanna University. He began teaching at Upper Strasburg in 1858. Before he was seventeen years old, he was County Superintendent of Schools for Franklin County, 1869-72. He afterward taught the graded school at Upper Strasburg for two years, and moved to Chambersburg in 1874, where he has since been employed in the public schools. He taught the West German Street Grammar School for two years, and the Boys' Grammar School for eight years and was afterward assistant in the Girls' High School for one year, principal of the Boys' High School for eight years, and principal of the consolidated High School for four years. He was elected superintendent of the public schools of the borough of Chambersburg in 1897, a position that he still fills. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the I. O. O. F. Encampment, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Malta, and the Royal Arcanum. He

is a member of the First Lutheran Church, and has served in the church council, and as superintendent of the Sunday School for twenty-four years. He received the degree of A. M. from Susquehanna University, in 1893. **Mr. Gelwix** married Sept. 22, 1864, **Kate Snyder** (born July 8, 1843), daughter of the **Rev. Michael** and **Mary (Enos) Snyder**. They have one daughter:

1. **Lillia Cora** (born July 25, 1865) married Oct. 24, 1889, **George E. Reisner** (born July 17, 1862), son of **John** and **Frances (Baker) Reisner**. He was educated in the public schools of Chambersburg, and learned the trade of a printer with the *Daily Herald*, and has been connected with the *Valley Spirit* since 1880. In 1903, he was made manager and editor of the *Valley Spirit*. He has always taken an active part in politics, serving as county committeeman from the Fourth ward, and as a member of the town council in 1902-04, the first Democratic councilman from the ward in twenty years. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Heptasophs. They have one child **Emilie Frances**, born July 4, 1895.

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