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Early Stoy Families

Introduction

This report was written to be included with my web site and is located at http://www.robertstoy.com/index_earlystoyfamilies.htm. It was easier to create the report using Microsoft Word and convert it to a .pdf file rather than prepare it directly as a web page.

The following is an extensive study of several Stoy families (but not that of Philip Stoy of New Jersey, which is covered in the main web site), starting with the earliest known member of each line. Some material from existing family histories was used as a starting point but this study also attempts to see if these histories can be supported by evidence, either direct or indirect. The work is not exhaustive because of the lack of on-site research into original records - more needs to be done but this can provide a good starting point. In addition, there are surely errors because of some of the parentage assumptions I've made (which are pointed out in the database) and these will be corrected as more information is found and as errors are uncovered.

Something needs to be said for the existing on-line family histories of the Stoy families, including both personal sites as well as family trees that are on sites such as Ancestry.com, RootsWeb.com and Genealogy.com. With the exception of the works by Tom Gull and Celeste Thrower, many of these family trees have significant errors in the early generations. Unfortunately, these errors are propagated by others who simply copy the tree and append it to their other work. Some of these errors are not surprising given the many common given names (Peter, Daniel, Henry, William, and Samuel are very common) and similar birth dates. Not a few people seeking their Stoy roots seem to believe that the name is uncommon and therefore most all Stoy's are related. Nothing could be further from the truth and this variety of Stoy immigrants is what my research is all about.

The Stoy Name

The name causes many problems for two reasons: It's pronunciation results in many different spellings, especially by census enumerators, and the transcription of the written name, again especially by census enumerators and court clerks, can be confused in many ways.

Let's ignore for the moment that the original, European, spelling of the name was done in several ways – more on this later when we look at the progenitors. First, consider pronunciation. Most English pronunciations of the word rhyme with "toy" with an ess sound to initiate the word, but if the word is slightly elongated by placing emphasis on the ending of "toy" to make it sound like "toye," then

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multiple spellings result. Another pronunciation abruptly ends the word making it rhyme with "tow" with the ess sound preceding – then we have the English word "stow" as in "stow your gear in the locker." We get:

Stoey
Stoye
Stow
Stowe
Stowi
Stowye
Stoh
Stoe
Sto
Stö – the umlaut "ö" makes this rhyme with "toy"
Stoj – a valid Polish spelling which again rhymes with "toy"
Stoi
Stoie
Story

The ubiquitous "Story" for "Stoy," which happens often (personal experience) is almost impossible to detect because of the very large number of valid "Story" families (many of these are Irish in origin).

All of these – except Stowi, Sto, Stowye, and Stö – appear as surnames in the Social Security Death Index. In general, these are not mistakes in spelling Stoy but are valid surnames. However, some of those names with the spellings "Stoey" and "Stoe" may have come from Stoy families in Pennsylvania in the 1800s that have persisted up to the present – this is explored below.

The result is that pronunciation creates alternative spellings to "Stoy" that conflict with actual surnames, people who have no connection to the family. This makes searching records difficult unless some means is found to separate the mistaken spelling from a real surname. It also makes searching indexed material and databases time-consuming and, often, a waste of time with no useful results to show.

The second problem that creates other spellings of "Stoy" is the transcription of original handwriting, such as census forms from the 1800s, to indexed databases or other typeset material. The table below lists the possible "confusing" characters in a handwriting style:

S-L, H (the "H" is occasionally mistaken for "St")

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t - l

o - a, u, e

y - g

or, in a serif style:

S	L, H
t	l
o	a, u, e
y	g

As a result, 48 possible spellings are created by transcription errors but, fortunately, many of these don't show up. However, there are several that do appear that are also valid surnames: Stag, Stay, Hoy, Hay, and Slay. Once more, considerable caution is needed when searching records for alternate spellings of "Stoy."

There are also several surnames that are similar to "Stoy" that are sometimes combined in genealogical message boards such as Stoike, Stojke, Stoyke and Stoik. All are valid surnames (mostly German in origin) and are not examined in this research.

Because of the Germanic origins of Stoy, two other points should be mentioned. Old German naming customs (see <http://www.kerchner.com/germname.htm>) would often provide a child with two names with the first name being a saint's name and the second name being the secular or call name (the "rufnamen"). The person would be known by the second name. For example Johan Georg Stoy would be known as George Stoy in English; Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy would be known as William Stoy in English, etc. Keep this in mind as male and female names are provided, especially baptismal names. A second point is the -in ending for Germanic female names such as Meyerin. The English reading of this surname is Meyer.

What is Covered and What is Not

This study covers only those Stoy families and individuals who were in the United States or Colonies by 1850 – time and volume of data was the constraint.

Stoy family that arrived after 1850 are not examined and this includes many people who arrived in the late 1800s from Austria, Germany and Poland, and

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appeared in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other East Coast states. Fortunately, most of the Stoy families that immigrated prior to 1850 were in Pennsylvania and this is good luck because the early records of that state are available and are extensive.

Stoy Families Overview

I divided this introduction to the database into the following sections:

- Stoy Families in the 1700s
- Stoy Individuals in the 1700s
- Stoy Families in the 1800s
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I've distinguished between "families" that had descendants and individuals where no records of descendants could be located (at least for the time being). These individuals may well be directly connected to the families but there is not yet enough indirect evidence to make the connection.

Stoy Families in the 1700s

These three progenitors of Stoy families first appeared in the 1700s, all of different generations, two in Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey. At this time, no records show that any of these families are related but the possibility exists that Philip is somehow linked to Petter (see entry for Margaret Stoy m. Abraham Fish).

Petter Stey, born 1702 most likely in the Palatinate; died sometime after 1742, probably in Philadelphia. Arrived in Philadelphia in 1732 with his wife and two daughters. The surname Stey can be found in German and Austrian records as well as in census records for people of German and Austrian birth. It has been claimed that Stoy was a later version of Stey (Gail Breitbard, "Naturalizations of Lancaster County: German/Swiss in 1729," *The Lost Palatine*, Issue No. 6 (1983?): 6-7. Family History Library microfiche 6,005,378, Salt Lake City, Utah.). Stey family are located in 1850 Kentucky from Hesse-Kassel (this may be the brother of Conrad Stoy of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, but further research is needed).

Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy (known as William Stoy), born in Herborn, principality of Nassau, on 14 Mar 1726; died 14 Sep 1801 in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Arrived in Philadelphia in 1752 and married there in 1757. One of the surname variations, Stoey, shows up in Heinrich's descendants. George W B Stoy (1813-1897) moved to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania about 1836 and used the surname Stoey as did his descendants.

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Philip Stoy, born 24 Dec 1767 in New Jersey; died 2 Sep 1852 in Camden County, New Jersey. Married about 1795 in Gloucester County, New Jersey. His parents are unknown.

Stoy Individuals in the 1700s

Some of the following individuals are undoubtedly related to either the Petter Stey or Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy families but there is not enough information to establish a connection. These all appear in the database on-line at <http://www.robertstoy.com/earlystoyfamilies>.

James Stoy, born c.1700, appeared in 1712 as an indentured servant in Salem, Massachusetts. No further records of James have been located although he presumably had a family and heirs, based on a 1737 record. He was indentured to Benjamin Marston, an Irishman, and was apparently adopted by him. This may be a James Story, a common Irish name but the records available show the surname Stoy.

Frederick Stay/Stoy, born before 1707, appeared in the naturalization records (and was therefore an immigrant) for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1729, and the author of the source stated he was "listed in other records as Stoy." He could be the father of Casper Stoy or Johan Georg Stoy, based on age. He could also be a relation of Petter Stey.

Johan Georg Stoy, born perhaps 1731-36, appeared in several marriage records in the late 1750s in Philadelphia. No further records of Johan Georg (who would have been know as George Stoy) have been located.

Ulrick Stoy, born before 1733, naturalized in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1754, and was therefore an immigrant. No further records of Ulrich have been located.

Casper Stoy, born perhaps c.1747, appeared in the tax lists of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1772. No further records of Casper have been located. He is probably related to Daniel Stoy (most likely his brother) of Bedford County, who was the son of Petter Stey, but no evidence other than the Bedford County connection is available. Although one of Petter's sons, Peter, named one of his children John Casper in 1765, this may not be significant since one of the witnesses to the baptism was John Casper Diel and he may have been the source of the "Casper."

John Stoy, born before 1760; died in 1793 in Philadelphia during the yellow fever epidemic. Records of John's wife, Patience Draper, exist but no records of their children, if any survived, are available. Nevertheless, some of the Stoy's of Philadelphia may be descended from John and Patience.

George Stoy, born c.1760, appeared in the record of the migration from Brothersvalley, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1785. No further records of

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George have been located although it was stated he went to Kentucky. He was most likely a son of Daniel Stoy, founder of Stoystown.

Daniel Stoy, born perhaps 1760-63, appeared in a muster roll for the Pennsylvania Navy in the summer of 1776, although he also appeared under the name Daniel Stay. Original records have not been examined to see the surname. No further records of this person have been located.

Stoy Families in the early 1800s

These three progenitors of Stoy families first appeared in the early 1800s, all in south central Pennsylvania. Two had emigrated from regions in present-day Germany and one was likely a descendant of an existing Stoy family in Pennsylvania. At this time, no records show that any of these families are related to other Stoy families (although Samuel Stoy is likely related to one of the earlier families). These people and their descendants appear in the database on-line at <http://www.robertstoy.com/earlystoyfamilies>.

George Stoy, born 1790-1800, probably in Baden; died 1840-1850 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Immigrated to Pennsylvania sometime between 1830-1840. There is no known relationship to other Stoy families.

Samuel Stoy, born 10 Dec 1818 in Pennsylvania; died 14 May 1875 in Cambria County, Pennsylvania. Married c.1841. His parents are unknown. Those Internet records that say his father was Valentine Starry/Stoy are in error.

Conrad Stoy, born 18 Jul 1819 in Hesse-Kassel; died 18 Apr 1897 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Married first c.1841 and second c.1842. Arrived in Pennsylvania c.1841. His relationship to either Heinrich Wilhelm or Petter, whose descendants lived in this area, is unknown.

Stoy Individuals in the early 1800s

Most or all of the following individuals are undoubtedly related to one of the six Stoy families but there is not enough information to establish a connection. These all appear in the database on-line at <http://www.robertstoy.com/earlystoyfamilies>. More detailed research on each of these people, using tax records, court records and other local records will surely show their family connections – I have not done this work so far.

John Stoy, born 1755-74, and appeared in the 1800 Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, census. He had a family.

Daniel Stoy, born 1770-1780, probably in Philadelphia, and appeared in the 1830 census for Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, with a family.

Francis P Stoy, born 1796-97 in Pennsylvania and appeared in census records for 1830-1860, last residing in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, with no children. Unknown parents.

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William Stoy, born 1808-09 in Pennsylvania and appeared in the household of Matilda (Allman) Stoy in the 1850 Philadelphia County census. He may be her husband although the census entry suggests he could be a brother or relation to her absent husband.

Thomas Stoy, born 1809-10 in Pennsylvania; died before 1858, likely in Philadelphia. Most likely related to the Petter Stey family of Kensington but uncertain of parents.

[-?-] Stoy, born possibly c.1815, probably in Philadelphia; married Matilda Allman; died before the 1850 census.

Daniel Stoy, born 1814-15 in Pennsylvania, probably in Philadelphia. He appeared in the Kensington district of Philadelphia County in census records and is undoubtedly a descendant of Petter Stey but his parentage is unknown.

William G Stoy, born before 1816. He may be the William Stoy noted above as being born 1808-09. He was an accountant in Philadelphia. Parents are unknown.

Charles Stoy, born 1816-17 in New Jersey and living in Philadelphia during the 1850 census. Parents unknown and no further on-line records of the family have been found. It's possible this is a "Story" family.

Daniel Stoy, born before 1820, appeared in several Philadelphia city directories, working as a confectioner. Unable to locate in census records and his parents are unknown.

Augustus Stoy, born 1824-25 in Pennsylvania; died before the 1860 census. He appeared in the 1850 census for Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. His mother's name was likely Margaret but his father is unknown. He is undoubtedly a descendant of Heinrich Wilhelm because the Augustus/Gustavus given name is unique to this Stoy family.

Elijah Stoy, born 1833-34 in Ohio. Probably related to Elizabeth (Pisel) Stoy since he appeared in her household in the 1850 census but relationship is uncertain.

Timothy Levi Stoy, born 1845-46 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and appeared in the household of Elizabeth (Pisel) Stoy. He may be a son but relationship is uncertain.

Given Names of Early Families

Some of the family connections can be convincingly made using given names that repeat in the early generations of families, especially those in the 1700s and early 1800s when naming conventions from the old country still held sway. In examining names of the three early families (Petter Stey, Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy, Philip Stoy) it's possible to see some continuity in names and it's also possible to see that there is little cross-over where we might suspect the separate families are

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in fact related. This study of given names would be aided by knowing the European names of earlier generations – this information is available for only Heinrich Wilhelm so far.

As background, it's interesting to see the frequency with which some of more common Stoy given names occur. A look at the 1790 census for Pennsylvania at the Ancestry.com web site (on 22 Jun 2010) shows the following:

Daniel (search Dan*)	1252	names (of 75, 262 names)
Frederick (search Fred*)	923	
Henry (search Hen*)	2406	
Peter (search Pet*)	2224	
Samuel (search Sam*)	2005	
William	4896	

These names are common, especially in the large German population of Pennsylvania at this time, so they are hard to use as proof that a particular person is a member of one of these families; however, with other evidence, the given name continuity can help.

Philip Stoy of New Jersey

Material on Philip's descendants is on the web site and only the names of his children and grandchildren are repeated here. The name Ann, or variations, showed up seven times in Philip's children and grandchildren. There is no apparent relationship that I can draw between the names of Philip's descendants and those of Petter Stoy and Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy. Philip is two generations later than Petter and one generation later than Heinrich so it may be asking too much for name continuity, if relationships exist. Philip and Catherine had four sons and three daughters:

Descendants of Philip Stoy and Catherine Rodgers of Haddonfield, New Jersey

1st Gen	James R	Daniel R	Joseph C	Samuel R	Sarah Ann	Maria	Ann
Spouse 1	Margaret	Susannah	Amelia	Elizabeth	[-?-]	Samuel H	Eli
Spouse 2				Mary Ann	Asa		
2nd Gen	Charles		Adalaide	Philip	John E	Joseph S	Ann M
	Sarah Ann		Emma Salinda	Samuel R	Clement	Samuel Daniel	Catherine S
	John		Theodore F	Mary Emma	Anna M	William Henry	Emily
	Margaret		Jospeh Albert	Sarah C		Franklin	Louisa
	Eliza			Annie H		Anna	Alfred
	James					Lewis	Eli
	Aaron					Mary	
						Aaron	

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Petter Stey of Pennsylvania

Although there is not direct proof of all the children of Petter and Margretha, besides Margretha and Eva, there is reasonable indirect evidence that there were also four sons. Note the appearance of Daniel and Margaret in all generations

Descendants of Petter Stey and Margretha [-?-] of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

1st Gen	Margretha	Eva	Peter	John	Charles	Daniel
Spouse 1			Elisabeth	Hannah	Margaret	Sarah
Spouse 2				Susannah		
2nd Gen			John Casper	William Williams	Charles	Edward
			Daniel		Margareta	John
			Peter			Margaret
			Anna			Sarah
			Catherine			Daniel

Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy of Pennsylvania

Heinrich is the second oldest of the Stoy family surname, born 14 Mar 1726 in Herborn, Principality of Nassau [Nassau-Dillenberg], Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. Several early records by Harbaugh (1872), Egle, (1883), Drury (1884), and Dubbs (1902) describe the life of Heinrich. Egle's book contains a Genealogical Register section that lists Heinrich's children with no source citation but the information would have been current in 1883 and is the earliest record listing his family. All of these children can be traced through other records and their information is included in this research. Besides children who died young there were six sons and three daughters, with William, Gustavus/Augustus, and Frederick appearing multiple times in the first two generations.

Descendants of Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy and Maria Elisabeth Maus of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties, Pennsylvania

1st Gen	Samuel	William	Gustavus	George	Frederick	Henry William	Susannah	Elizabeth	Dorothea
Spouse 1	Elizabeth	Anna Maria	Catherine	Catharina	Abigail	Catherine	John Michael	Charles	[-?-]
Spouse 2						Eleanor			
2nd Gen	John William	Elizabeth	Andreas Graf	Magdalena	John Walter	William Henry		Sevilla	
	R Thomas	Christina	Johannes Andreas	Maria Elizabeth	Pierce	Dorothea Ann		Susanna	
	Charles S	Sarah	Friedrich Graff	Henrich Wilhelm	Amanda Maria	David Cook		Charles	
	Cornelius D	Rebecca	Joseph G	Augustus	Laura Theresa	Frederick A		Caroline	
		Philip	Gustavus	Evalina	Henry W	Charlotte		Henrietta	
		Maria Magdalena	Margaret J	Catharine	Thaddeus S	Charles S			
				George W B					

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Conrad Stoy of Pennsylvania

This family may be related to that of Petter Stey but any relationship would have to be established using German records. There are at least four generations between Conrad and Petter, making any naming connections useless; however, he did appear in the same area as Daniel Stoy's family.

Descendants of Conrad Stoy, Caroline Weyand and Mary Bowser of Somerset County, Pennsylvania

1st Gen	Elizabeth	Conrad	Cyrus	John	Caroline Malinda	Sarah	Ellen Mary	Austin
Spouse 1		Mary A	Sarah J	Mary		William	George W	
Spouse 2								
2nd Gen		Roger Bashor	Edna B	Minerva			Blanche	
				Rebecca			Pearl	
				Lillie			George Stoy	
				Wilson				

George Stoy of Pennsylvania

George Stoy and his wife Barbara were a couple of generations younger than Heinrich Wilhelm, although they lived in the same general area of Pennsylvania, and there is little that can be concluded from their children's names. There is no known relationship between this family and the others.

Descendants of George Stoy and Barbara [-?-] of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

1st Gen	Peter	Barbara
Spouse 1	Margaretta	Michael
Spouse 2	[-?-]	
Spouse 3	Rebecca	
2nd Gen	John	Sarah
	Mary	Martha
	George	Lydia
	Sarah	Mary C
	Catherine	Edward
	William	John
	Susan	

Samuel Stoy of Pennsylvania

This family is most likely related to one of the others, either Petter's or Heinrich's, but the connection is not established at this point. Samuel was not an immigrant and his family is treated separately because there are many descendants searching for a relationship to earlier Stoy families.

Descendants of Samuel Stoy and Ann Jane Douglass of Cambria County, Pennsylvania

1st Gen	Peter Uriah	Mary Margaret	James A	Monica A	John B	Ellen C	Eliza J	Jonathan Augustine	Angeline Matilda
Spouse 1	Genevieve	John		Joseph A					Bennett E
Spouse 2									
2nd Gen	Samuel	Adaline		Gertrude					Walter Frederick
	Anna	Frances		Ignatius					
	Morgan	Robert		Samuel					
	Effie	Sherman		Harriet Mary					
		Clara		Bernadette					
				Olive M					
				Nellie M					

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Later Stoy Families

There are several families not discussed, and not included in the database, that immigrated at the end of the 1800s. The Ernest Stoy family came to the United States in 1886 from Prussia and settled in Spokane, Washington, with a number of his descendants still in this area. Another family was that of Joseph Stoy who emigrated from Austria in 1901 to New Jersey, settling in the Trenton area. There are some others that came later.

Marriages in Philadelphia Churches

Some family relationships can be suggested by the churches attended or in which family members were married.

18 Feb 1758	Philip Maus	Frances Heap	St Michael's and Zion Evangelical Lutheran
17 Aug 1758	Johan Georg Stoy	Anna Barbara Saegin	St Michael's and Zion Evangelical Lutheran
21 Apr 1761	Peter Stoy	Elizabeth Stone	Christ Church (Anglican)
10 Apr 1762	Leonard Rost	Charlotte Maus	Swedes' Church (Gloria Dei)
8 Mar 1764	John Stoy	Hannah Williams	St Paul's Church (Anglican)
27 May 1772	Abraham Fish	Margaret Stoy	St Michael's and Zion Evangelical Lutheran
20 Nov 1772	Elias Stoy	Mary Knowles	Christ Church (Anglican)
1 Mar 1781	Johan Mathias Maus	Charlotte Nicola	St Peter's Church (Anglican)
5 Mar 1782	John Mark	Margaret Stoy	Christ Church (Anglican)
25 Apr 1782	James Stoy	Christiana Cubbin	Christ Church (Anglican)
14 Oct 1783	John Stoy	Patience Draper	Swedes' Church (Gloria Dei)
13 Jan 1791	Daniel Stoy	Mary Brustar	Christ Church (Anglican)
22 Sep 1791	Peter Stoy	Ann Brustar	Christ Church (Anglican)
10 Mar 1822	Daniel Stoy	Margaret Hymes	First (German) Reformed Church

Thumbnail images of the various churches follow and larger images are on the web site at :

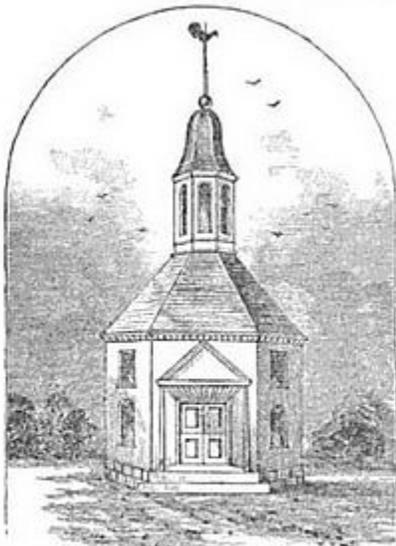


"Old Landmarks in Philadelphia," Scribner's Monthly 12 (June 1876): 145-167, specifically 164-5. Building started in 1727.

Christ Church (Anglican), Philadelphia
Second and Market Streets
The current building dates to 1744 with the steeple added by 1754. This image circa 1876.

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First Church, Philadelphia.

Daniel Miller, *Early History of the Reformed Church in Pennsylvania* (Reading, Pennsylvania: Daniel Miller, 1906, 30; digital images, Google Books (<http://books.google.com>) accessed 11 Jul 2009.

First German Reformed Church, Philadelphia
Originally on corner of Sassafras (now Race) and
Fourth Streets

First sermon preached Sept 1747 by Rev Michael
Schlatter, who brought Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy to
the Colonies in 1752

It was a six-cornered building



THE OLD GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

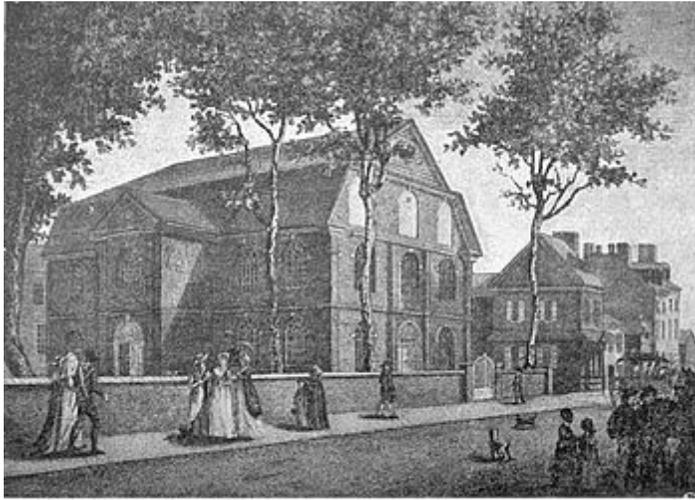
Built 1751. Taken down 1852.

W Stuart Cramer, *History of the First Reformed Church Lancaster, PA 1736-1904* (Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Wickersham Printing Co., 1904), 36; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) : accessed 16 Mar 2010). This original structure was built in 1753 and taken down in 1852, replaced by the current building.

First German Reformed
Church, Lancaster,
Pennsylvania
Original structure built in 1750
and taken down in 1852
Heinrich Wilhelm Stoy
preached here 1758-1763

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ST MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 1800
AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF FIFTH STREET AND APPLETREE ALLEY, BUILT IN 1743 AND DEMOLISHED IN 1870.
PHILADELPHIA RECORD ALMANAC (PHILADELPHIA: THE RECORD PUBLISHING CO., 1891), 8; DIGITAL IMAGE, GOOGLE BOOKS
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St Michael's Lutheran
Church, Philadelphia
Fifth Street and Appletree
Alley
Built in 1743



90.—ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1766.

Zion Lutheran Church,
Philadelphia
Fourth Street below Cherry
Street
Built 1766-69, destroyed by
fire 1794 and rebuilt 1795-
96. Razed in 1869

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St Peter's Church - Philadelphia
Third and Pine Streets
First service held 1761
Tower added 1842

St Peter's Church (Anglican),
Philadelphia
Third and Pine Streets
First service held in 1761, steeple
added 1842



Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')
Church, Philadelphia
Columbus Blvd and
Christian Street
Erected about 1700, oldest
church in Pennsylvania
Image late 1800s

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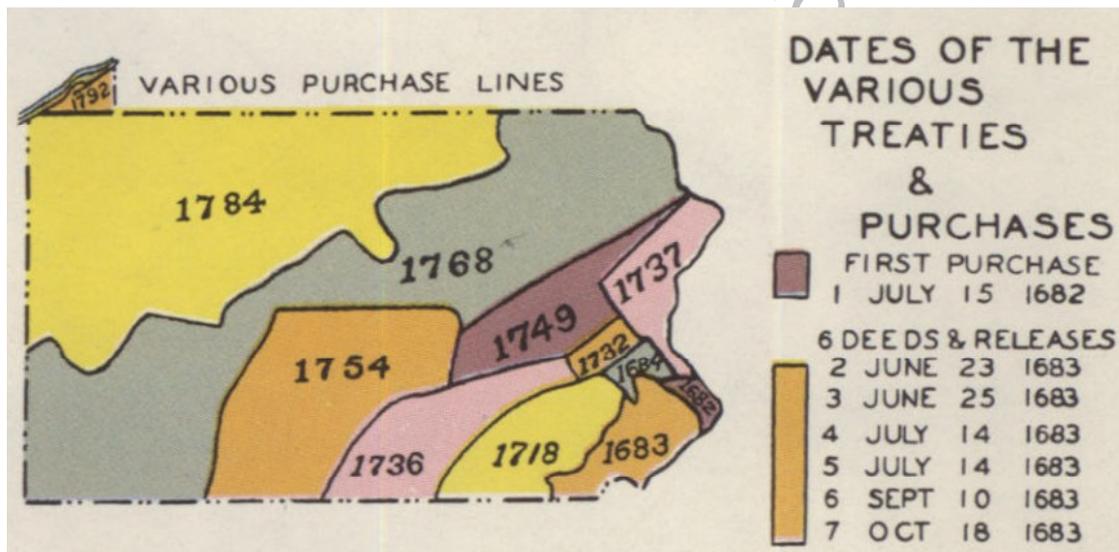
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Maps

Because several of these families came to the colonies when the county structure of the states was in an early stage of development, it helps to understand what counties existed at these times. From 1730 to 1820 the county boundaries in Pennsylvania were changing and although it may seem a person moved from one location to another, this was often not the case – only the boundaries had changed. New Jersey's counties were relatively stable in structure during this period.

The excellent web site of the Pennsylvania State Archives (http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_archives/2887) has a page devoted to maps and two items are of particular importance. One is the link to the Genealogical Map of the Counties and the other is the link to the set of scanned images of the Melish-Whiteside county maps. The map page is http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/land_records/3184/maps/535033.

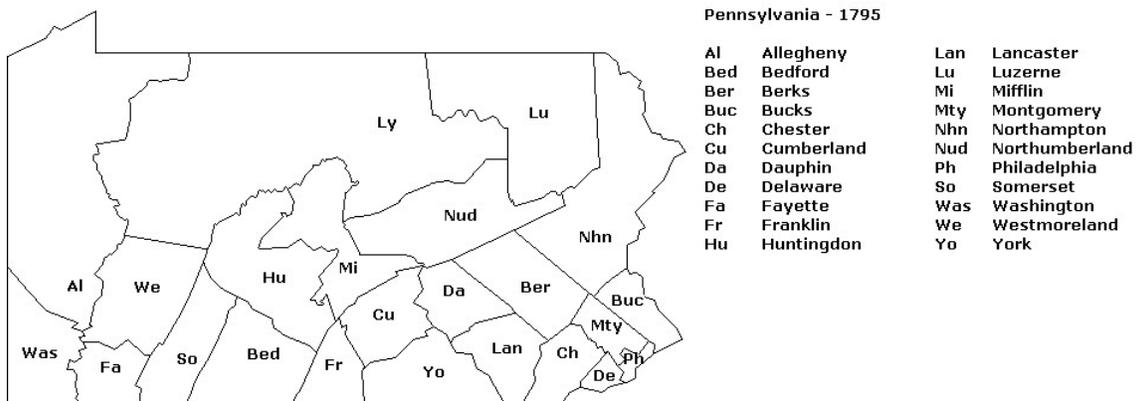
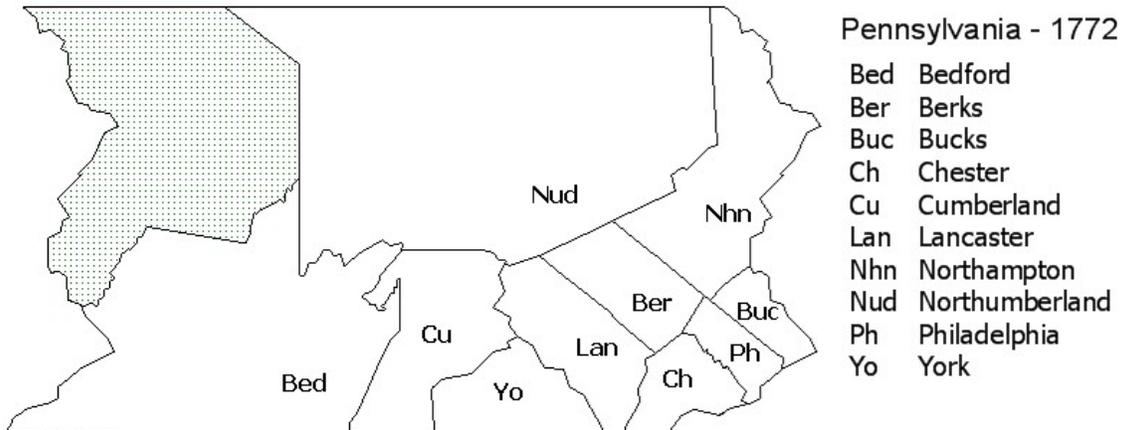
The Genealogical Map of the Counties provides multiple maps of Pennsylvania showing the various counties as they were formed and subsequently sub-divided into smaller counties. A useful map is that which shows the parts of the state acquired by purchase of treaty between 1682 and 1784:



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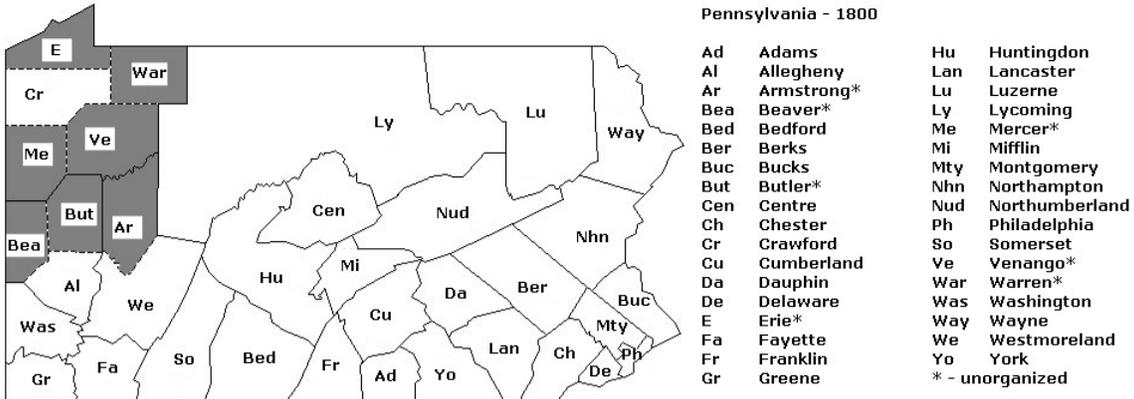
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There are six maps that show the county growth between 1730 and 1800, the time period of interest for this study. Similar maps showing county growth are in the Animap software program developed by Adrian B Ettliger (<http://www.goldbug.com/>) and the following are Pennsylvania county maps for 1772, 1795 and 1800 showing the counties then in existence. This research is particularly interested in the counties of Philadelphia, Berks, Northumberland, Lancaster, Dauphin, Somerset, Westmoreland and Bedford.



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The Melish-Whiteside county maps of Pennsylvania (<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-534WhitesideMaps/r017-534WhitesideMapInterface.htm-melish-whiteside>) were the first official maps produced for the Commonwealth and were completed by 1822. These scanned images can be enlarged considerably to view detail. The image below is a 600% enlargement of the vicinity of Stoystown in Quemahoning Township, Somerset County:



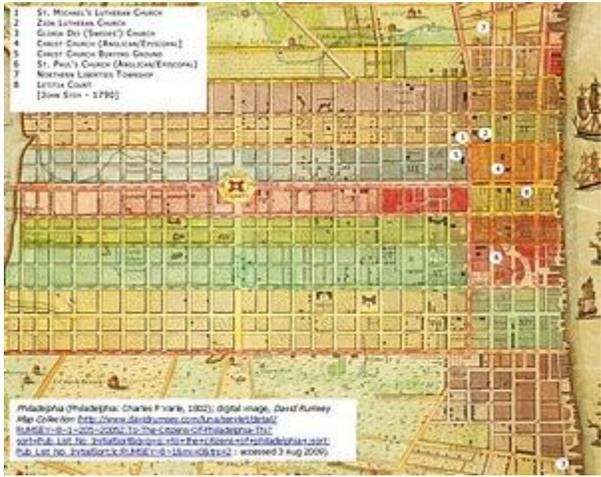
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Large images of the following maps are on my web site at www.robertstoy.com and only small images are included here, along with map information.



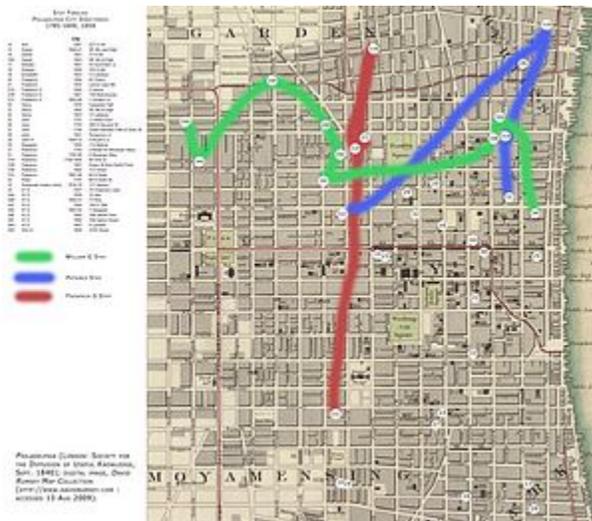
Philadelphia, Northern Liberties District, north of central Philadelphia and southwest of the Kensington District.



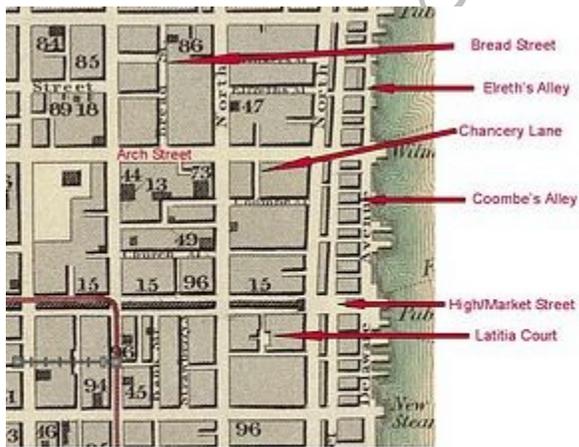
Philadelphia Map of 1802 Locations of churches used by Stoy families in central Philadelphia.

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Central Philadelphia
Map of 1840
Location of Stoy families listed in Philadelphia city directories from 1785-1858.



Central Philadelphia - Late 1700s

Streets of old Philadelphia near Front Street
Map of 1840
John Stoy and wife Patience lived in this area.

Philadelphia (London: Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, Sept. 1840); digital image, David Rumsey Map Collection (<http://www.davidrumsey.com>) : accessed 13 Aug 2009.



Philadelphia, Kensington District showing Fishtown
Bef. 1854
Fishtown was the home of a number of Peter Stey's descendants for over 100 years.

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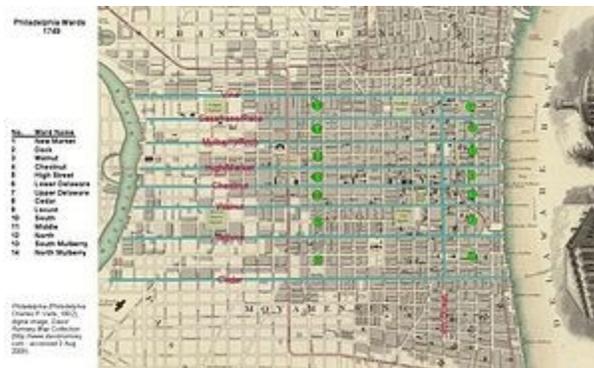
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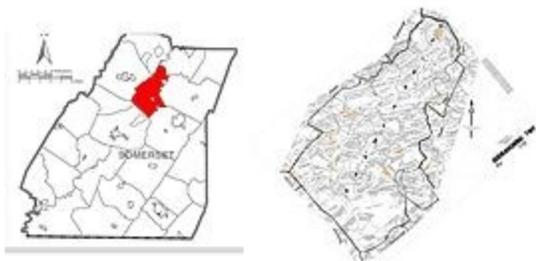
Kensington
Map of 1840
Location of Stoy families listed in Philadelphia city directories.



Philadelphia – Wards of 1705
Map of 1840.



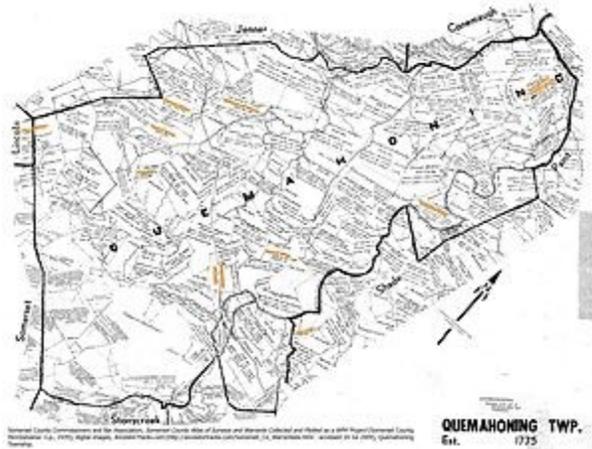
Philadelphia – Wards of 1749
Map of 1840.



Quemahoning Township, Somerset
County, Pennsylvania
Map made in 1939.
Warrantees and patents beginning in
the 1700s.

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Quemahoning Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania
Map made in 1939.
Stoy warrants and patents highlighted – family of Daniel Stoy.



White Marsh – Barren Hill area of Philadelphia County.
Lafayette fought battle of Barren Hill in May 1778 after battle at White Marsh in Dec 1777.

Whitemarsh/Mather's Mill to Barren Hill is 3.2 miles