

John Dietrich Stonebraker (28 December 1728-January 1805)
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Johan Dietrich was mentioned in the "Pennsylvania Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801. Record for "Ditrich Stonebreaker": 1783 Upper Dublin, Lancaster Co. Archive Rollname: 329. Detrick Stonebraker was assessed the Effective Supply tax 1779 in the Wiconisco District of Lancaster County.

"THE STONEBRAKERS IN AMERICA"

Chapter 2

Generation One

The third Stonebraker family that settled in this country was that of Johann Dietrich Steinbrecher. He arrived on the ship, "Patience", Captain Hugh Steele, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, England, at Philadelphia 15 September 1753. His wife and several children accompanied him. John Dietrich was taxed in Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, from 1757 to 1768. In 1767 he owned no land, horses or cattle. In 1768 he owned one horse and a cow. (Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 18, pp. 52, 136) The family migrated to Tulpehocken, over the Blue Mountains to Pine Grove and settled in Mahanoy township Northumberland County, on the Maxatawny (now Mahantango) Creek. This creek divides Northumberland County, established 21 March 1772, from Dauphin County established 1785 out of Lancaster County. Before 1785 this was Paxton Township, Lancaster County. John Dietrich apparently owned land on both sides of the creek. There is a strip of land in between the Mahantango Creek, on the south, Shamokin Creek, on the north, the Susquehanna River, on the west and the Delaware River, on the east that, apparently, had never been purchased from the Indians in their seven general purchases and treaties from the Six Nations, at either Philadelphia or Fort Stanwix. This strip was settled or purchased by warrants or deeds and very often by squatters rights, or by direct purchase from the Indians by an individual settler. Into this strip of territory John Dietrich Stonebraker and family, with others from Berks County, moved. There had been some improvements made before the purchase, a hut built, a little land cleared, a trail blazed and perhaps a path made away from the wild animal trails. That man of the early settlers came overland is evident, as a general track from Fort Hunter and Fort Harris to Fort Augusta as on the east side of the Susquehanna River. The Tulpehocken Trail was ordered surveyed by the Provincial Council on Saturday, the 30th of January 1768. On 22 July 1773, John Dietrich acquired land in Lancaster County. He is listed in the 1773 - 1896 Warranties of Land for Lancaster County one hundred acres of land, under the name "Detrick Stonebrecher" for fifty acres of land on 27 Nov (Pa. Archives, 3rd Series. Vol. 24. p. 539) On 9 Jul 1778 Dietrich and Christina Steinbrecher sold one hundred and forty acres of land called "New Bellick" on the Susquehanna River in Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County Pennsylvania. The patent to this land was recorded in Philadelphia 5 March 1773. On 29 July 1798. J.D. and Christina (Catherine?) Stonebraker sold twenty acres to Isaac Keebauch, part of a tract of two hundred acres surveyed 5 March 1798 for J.D. Stonebraker, adjoining the lands of Stonebraker, Keebauch and Samuel Lahr. This was recorded 30 January 1802 at Sunbury. Pa.

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