

Andreas (Andrew) Riegel (1750-1815)
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3rd child of (Johan) Daniel Riegel and Maria Dorothea Beitler, Andreas (aka Andrew) served as a Private in the 6th Battalion, Sherman's Company of the Berks Co. Militia during the Revolutionary War. At that time he was married and already had 4 of his 10 children. He is mentioned in the 1790 census. His brothers, Johannes B. Riegel served as a Captain in the 1st Company, 2nd Battalion, Berks Co. Militia, and Nicholas was a private in Col. Patton's Battalion, Berks Co. Militia. Their father, (Johan) Daniel Riegel, too old to serve (age 63), took the Oath of Allegiance in Pennsylvania as a Patriot and provided food and money for the cause. Some of Andreas' cousins also served in the Revolution; 2nd Lt. Johannes Riegel 3rd Co., Berks County Militia; Pvt. Philip A. Riegel Captain John Schaffer's Co., 6th Battalion, Berks County Militia; and Pvt. Benjamin Riegel (son of Matthias Riegel) of Riegelsville, PA. Andreas fought in the Battle of Camden on August 15, 1780 (a battle the British won). [Sources: PA Archives, Second Series, Vol XIV page 312 and "History of Berks County 1774 - 1783", page 132

Andreas and Catherine Hoffman were married in 1770 in Dauphin Co. and are buried together with her father, John Peter Hoffman, in Loyaltown, near Lykens, PA. He helped build the original Hoffman's Church (now called St. Peter's ULC Church) near the "Crossroads" of State Route 25, between Berrysburg and Gratz - in Lykens Twp - the 10 acres of land having been deeded by his brother-in-law, John Nicholas Hoffman for a church, school, and cemetery. Records show that Andreas was "paid in English coin" for doing work as a carpenter. For at least 5 years, prior to building the church, the church services were held in the home of John Peter Hoffman."

Dauphin County was formed of part of Lancaster Co. and part of Berks Co., and comprised all of the present Lebanon County from 1785 to 1813. It was named after the oldest son of Louis XVI, whose official title was "The Dauphin." Dauphin County's official population in 1890 was 96,977.

Lykens is a borough with a population of 2,450. It was laid out in 1848 by Edward Gratz, and is the principal town of the Lykens Valley coal district. Lykens township was so named for one of the earliest settlers of the locality (Andrew Lycan), and was formed in 1810.

Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin County Pennsylvania, page 48 states, "Andrew Reigle (sp) resided on and owned the farm near the end of Short Mountain, afterwards owned by his son Jacob. He was a soldier of the Revolution. He married Catharine Hoffman in 1770. Their oldest son, John Reigle (sp), was a Justice of the Peace many years and followed farming.

Andrew Reegle (sic) served as a Private in Captain Henry Shepler's 3rd Company, 6th Battalion of the Berks County Pennsylvania Militia according to the Unit Fine Book, page 59, for the period, dated 1777-1779.

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