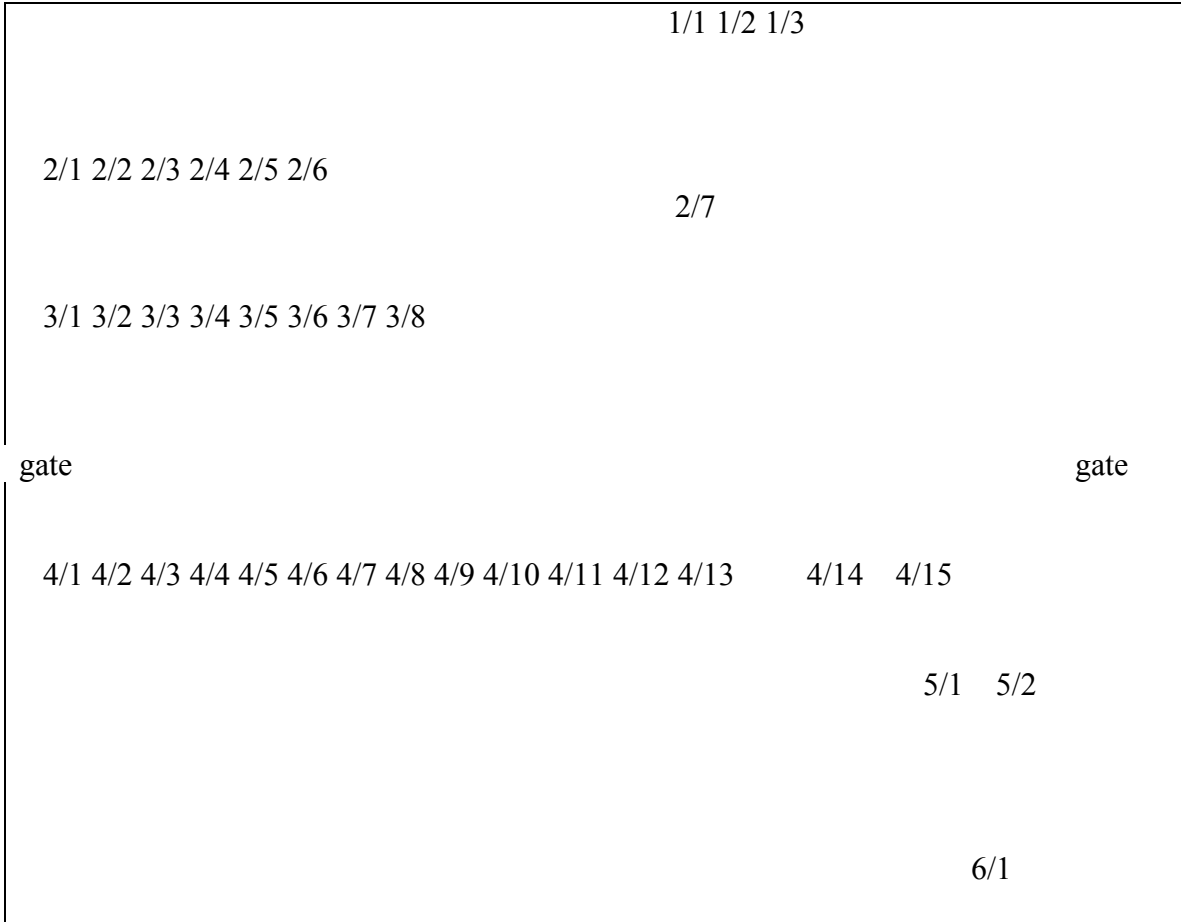


Dohners Mennonite Church Cemetery  
North Annville Township, Lebanon County, PA  
Transcribed by Ruth Runion-Slear, November 2005



# Cemetery Tombstone Layout

Fence



## Tombstone Transcriptions

<p>1/1 Miller Mary M. Nov 8, 1912</p> <p>From the land of the dying</p>	<p>1/1 Miller Robert K. May 9, 1917 Aug 15, 2001</p> <p>to the land of the living</p>	<p>1/2 Stover John H. 1921-1997</p>
<p>1/2 Stover Naomi R. 1920-2000</p>	<p>1/3 Ebersole Daniel S. Dec 5, 1936 Dec 16, 2004</p>	<p>1/3 Ebersole Esther H. Feb 4, 1933</p>
<p>2/1 Joseph Strohman Born Sept 11, 1787 Died June 15, 1864 Aged 76 Years 5 mos 4 d</p>	<p>2/2 Heir Ruhet Jacob Groye Geboren December 1841 Starben 17 Februari 1855</p>	<p>2/3 Heir Ruhet <i>[see note below]</i> Groye Geb den 10 Febru 1852 Starb den 30 Feb 1852</p>
<p>2/4 Moses Groye Born April 19, 1850 Died May 20, 1871 Aged 21 Years 1 M 1 D</p>	<p>2/5 Jacob Groye Born April 7, 1808 Died Feb 11, 1877 Aged 68Y 10 M 4 D</p>	<p>2/6 Lydia Brandt Dau of Jacob Groye Born April 11, 1813 Died Feb 20, 1889 Aged 75 Y 10 M 9 D</p>
<p>2/7 [Angel motif] Dorcas &amp; David Twins of John &amp; Naomi Stover October 26, 1961</p>		

<p>3/1 Denkmahl zu Erinmerung an den Ehrw Jacob Dohner ein Bischof Der Mennoniten Geminden Geboren May 1, 1806 Starb Jan 31, 1881 Alter 74 J 8 M Text Chr 13:7 Black [stone carver]</p>	<p>3/2 Barbara Brandt Ehegattin von Jacob Dohner Geboren Oct 5, 1807 Starb Nov 9, 1893 Alter 86 J 1 M 4 T [Text]  Black [stone carver]</p>	<p>3/3 Abraham Gingerich Born Dec'r 24, 1804 Died August 16, 1874 Aged 69 Years 7 mo 22 da Text Phil 1 chap 21 ver  JED [stone carver]</p>
<p>3/4 Heir Ruhet Barbara! Ehegattin von Abraham Gingrich! Geboren June 1, 1796 Starb Oct 28, 1858! Ulter 62 Jahre 4 Mo 27 T Text Mar 13:33 D. Black [stone carver]</p>	<p>3/5 Aaron S. Son of Samuel B. &amp; Sarah O. Kreider Died Sept 16, 1873 Aged 8 M 21 D</p>	<p>3/6 J G</p>
<p>3/7 Brother Henry Dohner Born Feb 8, 1832 Died Jan 16, 1896 Aged 63 Y 11 M &amp; 8 D Text St. Mark 14 chap 35-36-37 ver  Mark [stone carver]</p>	<p>3/8 Albert Son of Augustus &amp; Catharine Maulfair Died Sept 13, 1876 Aged 1 year 4 mo  Black [stone carver]</p>	
<p>4/1 Jacob E. Ebersole Born Oct 9, 1861 Died Jan 29, 1939 Aged 77 Y 3 M 20 D</p>	<p>4/2 Kate Gingrich Wife of Jacob E. Ebersole Born Sept 8, 1864 Died Jan 22, 1912 Aged 47 Y 4 M 14 D</p>	<p>4/3 Infant Daughter of Jacob E. &amp; Kate Ebersole Born &amp; Died June 22, 1906</p>

<p>4/4 Della Catharine Daughter of Jacob E. &amp; Kate Ebersole Born Nov 5, 1899/1890 Died May 26, 1900 Aged 6 M 21 D</p>	<p>4/5 Martin A. Son of Jacob E. &amp; Kate Ebersole Born Mar 20, 1895 Died April 3, 1895 Aged 13 days</p>	<p>4/6 Jacob C. Son of Jacob E. &amp; Kate Ebersole Born Jan 17, 1893 Died June 12, 1899 Aged [unreadable]  Black [stone carver]</p>
<p>4/7 J D</p>	<p>4/8 Joseph K. Gingrich Born Aug 31, 1827 Died April 25, 1886 Aged 58 Y 7 M 25 D Text I Thes 4:17  Black [stone carver]</p>	<p>4/9 Elizabeth Reist Wife of Joseph K. Gingrich Born Jan 20, 1831 Died Nov 14, 1899 Aged 68 Y 9 M 24 D Text John 5:25  Black [stone carver]</p>
<p>4/10 Christian Gingrich Born Jan 29, 1801 Died Dec 7, 1866 Aged 65 Years 10 Mo &amp; 8 D Text St. John 11 C 25-26  D. Black [stone carver]</p>	<p>4/11 Catharine Kauffman Wife of Christian Gingrich Born Aug 2, 1801 Died March 12, 1885 Aged 83 Y 7 M 10 D  Black [stone carver]</p>	<p>4/12 Anna Kauffman Born June 17, 1815 Died May 25, 1887 Aged [stone broken &amp; repaired]</p>
<p>4/13 Katie Dorcas Daughter of Samuel J. &amp; Cora G. Tennis Born Dec 26, 1911 Died Jan 17, 1911 Aged 22 days</p>	<p>4/14 David Elroy Infant son of James – Ruth Stover Sept 7, 1979 [angel motif]</p>	<p>4/15 Doris Jean Infant Daughter of Aaron &amp; Minerva Weaver Aug 22, 1988 [lamb motif]</p>

5/1 Kreider Elma R. Nee Myer 1922-1990 Awaiting Christ's Call in Paraguay	5/1 Kreider Mervin H. 1919-	5/2 Landis John B. Nov 26, 1921 Sept 29, 2002  Aug 15, 1923 Laura E.
5/2 Landis Kathryn E. July 14, 1918 Dec 25, 1991		
6/1 Aaron Lee Jan 21, 1986 Son of James & Ruth Landis		

Explanation: The two numbers, 1/1 refers to row 1 and tombstone position number 1. Duplicated numbers, i.e. 1/3 and 1/3 refer to row 1, tombstone position number 3 which has two names on the one tombstone. Row one is next to the fence by the driveway. Indicated in brackets [ ] is information clarifying what is on the tombstone on that specific line or additional information for clarification. A question mark indicates a line or a character that is unreadable. The following non-English words are translated for the readers' convenience.

German word - English translation

Alt worden/alter - Aged

Den - the

Denkmahl zur erinnerung an den Ehrw. Memorial to the memory of the Hon.[honorable]

Ehegattin von - wife of

Ein Bischof der Mennoniten Geminden – The bishop of the Mennonite Church

Geboren - Born

Hier ruhet - Here lies

Jahre/Jahr - Years/Year

Monate/Monat - Months/Month

Starb/Starben - Died

Tage/Tag - Days/Day

Von - of

The stones in the old section of the cemetery were moved into three straight rows. The tombstones are not necessarily at the head of where the body is buried. (James Landis telephone interview, October 29, 2005) According to Anna (Shuey) Bomgardner, whose grandparents are Jacob & Kate (Kate was always called Katie) Ebersole, remembers a few of these stones were scattered farther apart. (Anna Bomgardner personal interview,

October 30, 2005) Since these stones were moved, I wonder if [3/6] and [4/7] are not foot stones of [3/1] and [4/8].

It was thought for some time that there was too much water in the cemetery and it filled in the graves, so the decision was made to not bury any more in the Dohner Cemetery. This is the reason Kate Dorcus Tennis's [4/13] parents are buried at Gingrichs Mennonite Church Cemetery -- but the Dohner Cemetery is now being used again.

Anna (Shuey) Bomgardner helped her grandpa, preacher Jacob Ebersole [4/1] plant two maple trees, one on each side of the graveyard entrance off Cedar Run Road. Only one maple stands today in 2005.

Notes about the tombstones:

2/3 Name is very hard to read, possible names are Jacob, Micah & Asrah, most likely it is Micah since the first letter has humps - Feb 30 is the date carved into this tombstone



3/1 Obituary for Jacob Dohner: *Herald of Truth* – V. 18(5) May 1881



3/2 Wife of Bishop Dohner

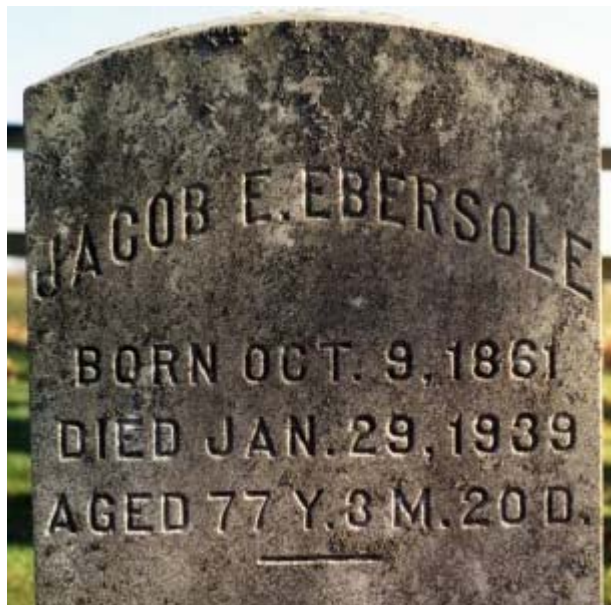




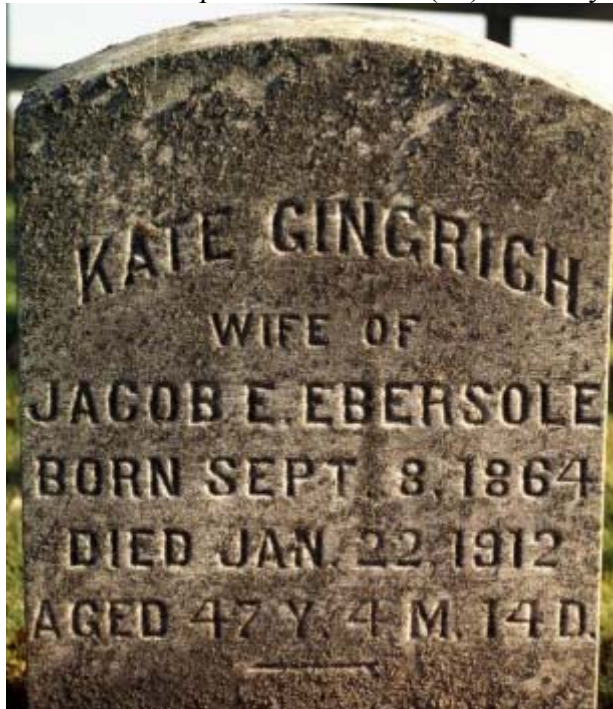
3/4 An ! is at the end of several of the lines



4/1 Minister in the Lebanon District Mennonite Churches



4/2 Obituary for Kate Ebersole: *Gospel Herald* – V. 4(47) February 22, 1912, p 754-755



4/8 Obituary for Joseph Gingrich: *Herald of Truth* - V.23(10) May 15, 1886 p.158-159

4/10 & 4/11 are the parents of Kate Ebersole 4/2

4/13 Birth and death years are legible and are transcribed correctly

5/1 Elma Kreider died in Paraguay and is buried there

5/2 Laura E. is the second wife of John B. Landis

6/1 Grandson of 5/2

References: Runion-Slear, Ruth. Gingrichs Mennonite Church and Cemetery ca. 1730-2005.

The obituaries can be found on the Mennobit web site

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mennobit/index2.html>

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