

GRAVE NO.ROW 10

1 FOOTSTONE - Unknown. (M.W.)

2 This is a stone we have not been able to read. It looks like Nicholas Rihm. It is the stone next to his wife so this may be correct.

3 Hir Liegt Niclaus Rihm, seine Ehefrau Elisabeth die Geborne Reider Gebor. in Europa zu Euenstein in der Margravschaft Baden 9/24/1724 in der Ehe ist sie gelebt 18(?) jahr (there is more which we have not been able to read).

From other sources of information, chiefly Denniston, we learn that Nicholas was born 1721 and died in 1774. He married Elisabeth Reider, daughter of Michael Reider. They were married 4/26/1743. They had eight children. If the figure on the grave stone is correct that she lived 18 years in marriage to Nicholas, that would place her death in 1761, the same year Eberhard's wife died and the year before the cemetery was deeded. Nicholas re-married 8/15/1769 to Anna Catharine Hartman, widow of Hemrich Hartman. It is possible that another look at the Reformed baptism records of Muddy Creek will uncover some more information about both these marriages.

4 ELISABETH REAM. 1692-1761, Wife of Eberhard Ream. From Denniston Page 250 we quote: "Hier Liegt Begraben des Eberhart Rihms seine Ehefran Elisabeth eine geborene Schwobin geboren in Europa zu diren den 10 Octob. 1692 in der ehe hat sie Gelebet 49 jahr, 7 monat, 18 tag verschild d. 4 ten Mertz 1761. Ihres alters 68 jahr, 4 monat, 22 tage". Here lies buried of Eberhard Rihm, his wife Elisabeth, nee Schwab, born in Europe at Diren the 10th of Oct. 1692. In marriage she lived 49 years, 7 months, 18 days. Passed away the 4th of March 1761, her age 68 years, 4 months and 22 days".

We know the following about her father and mother. They came to America with the Reams on 4/27/1702 they took out citizenship in Leimen, Germany. They are listed thus Jost Schwab 46 years old, Anna Katharine (Wolfharten) Schwab 38 (married Tuesday, May 27, 1681) daughter of Hans Jorg Wolfharten. The following children: Hans Jorg - 19, Jost Conrad - 13, Anna Elizabeth - 11, who married Eberhard Ream, Anna Margaretha - 7, Anna Magdalena - 7, Anna Maria - 5, Katharine - 6 months. Denniston Page 247. They are buried at Heller's (Salem) Church near Leacock. Their bodies were moved there from a farm cemetery.

5 EBERHARD REAM (the Patriarch of the Ream Family in America), b.10/6/1687, d.8/22/1779. "Hier ruhen die gebeine eines sehr ehrlichen lieben alt Vater Joh. Eberhard Rihms geboh. 1687 in Europa. Verehlight in Jahr 1711 mit Elisabeth Schwabe, ging 1717 N. America wodlbst sich seine familie von 10 kindern vermehrte auf 150 sehen".

"Here rest the bones of a very honest dear old grandfather John Eberhard Rihm born 1687 in Europe, married in yr. 1711 with Elizabeth Schwab came 1717 to America, where his family of ten children increased to 150 souls." He fell asleep in Jesus the 22 of August 1779, his age 92 years. Denniston Page 250.

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Between 4 & 5 -- Pioneer Settler

Johann Eberhard Ream

Elisabeth Ream

nee Schwab

October 6, 1687

October 10, 1692

August 22, 1779

March 4, 1761

Migrated from Germany in 1717, settled here in 1723 or 1724.  
Erected 1960.

Gift from Mrs. Irene Royer Weidman, Ephrata, Pennsylvania. 8th generation descendant of Eberhard Ream through his son Nicholas. Mrs. Weidman also paid for the Ream Memorial in the Park. See Bicentennial History and Program. In order to place this new stone, Eberhard Ream's sandstone tombstone was moved to the left (when facing front of stone) to make room for the new stone. In order to do this two marble footstones marking unknown graves were removed and used to mark other graves. These appear on Rev. Albright's list as #141 and 142 - Row 10 - Sheet 6.

- 5A See note above. (Did have footstone with "R." on it.)
- 5B See note above. (Did have footstone with "M.K.R." on it.)
- 6 Hir Light Begraben...old sandstone....not legible.
- 7 JOHN REAM. b.11/1723, d.1784. Hir light Johannes Rihm begraben sohn von Eberhard Rihm geboren den November 1723 sich verheiert...." John Ream, son of Eberhard. He was married to Maria Eva who in 1784 remarried to Henry Stefany. Denniston Page 251. They had ten children. In the division of Eberhard's land on February 15, 1759, John received the land now owned and occupied by Herbert Roth (at the time Rev. Albright wrote this 1956-7). Roth died in 1962. The farm is now owned by Levi Hoover and occupied by his son, Joseph Hoover. Date on the farm is "Anno 1767" which leads us to believe that John Ream had the house built and lived there. The plot contained 100 acres. Henry Ream, son of Tobias, settled the estate of John Ream and sold the property on March 29, 1796 to Samuel Ream, son of John Ream, and married to Christine, daughter of Adam Musser. On April 1, 1840, the survivors of Samuel Ream sold the property for \$2,000 to John Reddig whose wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Ream. This was the beginning of the Ream-Reddig relationship. John Ream owned the land also. While we are not sure where he lived when he married his Maria, we can speculate that he may have lived in the old house at the end of Church Street in Reamstown known for many years as the Greninger house, for he owned 44 acres of land adjoining that of his father. Placing it today it is the land beginning at the upper edge of the Church of God lot and running some distance out Church Street along the road to Hahnstown. He received a warrant for this land from the Penns 10/4/1751 when he was 28 years old. It was surveyed in 1753 and he received his final patent for it in 1761. Several lots of it he sold to Tobias in 1764 to enable Tobias to sell the lots now occupied by Harry Ansel and Alfred Stoyer.

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- 8 FOOTSTONE. Unknown - Marked "H.R."
- 9 FOOTSTONE. Unknown - Marked "A.R.R."
- 10 SANDSTONE - Not legible. Could be John Ream, husband of #11.
- 11 KATHERINA RIHM. b.6/24/1757, d.7/12/1830, a.73/0/18.  
"Zum Denkmal Von Katharina Rihm, Ehegattin Von Johannes Rihm  
und Tochter Von Adam Grill. Sie wurde geboren den 24 Juny 1757  
und starb den 12 Julie 1830. Ihr alter war 73 Jahr und 18 Tag.  
Leichentext Rommer 1, Ende des 17 Verses."
- Muddy Creek Reformed Baptism records say John Riehm and Catharine,  
daughter of Adam & Charlotte Grill, had two sons: Adam, b.4/23/1786  
and Moses b. 5/13/1788.
- The inscription on this stone is very clear but the stone is  
splitting into layers. It was repaired a few years ago but is  
splitting again. As the years go by it will probably disinte-  
grate entirely. On July 9, 1964 Leonard R. Boyde, secretary of Earl  
Wenz, Inc., Breinigsville, Pennsylvania (near Allentown) tombstone  
dealers expressed the opinion that this stone was made of brick.
- See History of Denver, Pa. (1950) Pages 14 & 26. John Ream,  
husband of Catharine, was a son of John, son of Nicholas,  
son of Eberhard and Anna Maria Kramer who were married at  
Muddy Creek January 18, 1768. See Denniston Page 254 and  
Bicentennial History Page 170. There is an error somewhere on  
dates. A man whose parents were not married until 1768 would  
scarcely have married a woman born in 1757.
- 12 ISAAC RUTH. b.7/11/1787, d.8/9/1820, a.33/0/28. Dates are hard  
to read. He was a brother of Catharine Ruth, the wife of Adam  
Ream, Grave #16 in this row. See Bicentennial History Page 182.
- 13 FOOTSTONE. Marked S.R.
- 14 REBECCA PETERY. b.3/4/1820, d.9/22/1820, a.0/6/18. Henry and  
Elisabeth Petery had a son, Jacob Frantz, b.4/18/1822, baptized  
at Reamstown Lutheran Church.
- 15 REBECCA REAM ROYER. b.1818, d.1845. First wife of Phillip Royer.  
Daughter of Adam and Catharine Ream. See Bicentennial History  
Page 180 and 170.
- 16 CATHARINE REAM. b.1783, d.1852. Wife of Adam Ream, daughter of  
of Francis Ruth. See Bicentennial History Page 182 and History  
of Denver Page 25.
- 17 ADAM REAM. b.1786, d.1862. Son of John (grandson of Nicholas)  
and Catharine Grill. See #11 in this row. See Bicentennial  
History Page 170 and History of Denver Page 26.

He was a member of the building committee for Salem Lutheran and  
Reformed Church (1815-17), Reamstown. He represented the Reformed  
Congregation.

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- 18 JOHNATHAN REAM. b.1811, d.1872. Son of Adam & Catharine Ream.
- 19 SUSANNA REAM. b.1823, d.1871. Wife of Adam R. (Ruth) Ream--nee Brubaker.
- 20 ADAM R. REAM. b.1823, d.1899.

Served as a Trustee of this cemetery. See Cemetery History (1957). Adam R. & Susanna had three children: Sue who married George Royer (Ephrata Druggist) and whose daughter Irene married Martin L. Weidman of the Ephrata National Bank; Maranda who married Edwin Royer, brother of George; and Adam Jacob who married Sabina Fry. Sabina gave the money to build Ream Memorial Lutheran Church (St. John's) in Denver. The name of A. J. Ream appears a number of times in the History of Denver.

NOTE: Graves 14 to 19 originally had marble tombstones surrounded by a fence with marble posts and iron railings. In 1932 Mrs. Weidman and her father replaced the old tombstones with a monument with the name Ream in bronze letters and individual grave foot markers with the above inscriptions in bronze letters.

- 21 RESERVED FOR ETTA REDDIG. Still living. Daughter of Hoyer Reddig.
- 22 ELIZABETH REDDIG. b.1871, d.1957. Wife of Hoyer Reddig...nee Wealand.
- 23 HOYER REDDIG. b.1870, d.1956. Son of John & Sarah Hoyer Reddig.
- 24 BERTHA W. MYERS. d.4/8/1969, a.88. Wife of Conrad Wm. Myers.
- 25 C. WILLIAM MYERS. d.11/25/1963, a.85.
- 26 RESERVED FOR DOROTHY M. BRIDGES. Still living. Daughter of C. William & Bertha Myers. Wife of Charles P.
- 27 RESERVED FOR CHARLES P. BRIDGES. Still living.