

## **Wayne County Pioneer # 35 # 36**

*David Kirchhoffer (1759-1839)*

*Maria Kirchhoffer Amstutz (1800-1871)*

Twenty-seven individual pioneers arrived in 1819 in Sugar Creek Township forming the first group called the "First Sonnenberg Settlement". David Kirchhoffer accompanied by his family was with this group.

At age 60 he brought his wife Barbara, age 43 and twelve children. Barbara was his second wife. David and Barbara had a total of 15 children with three sons having died before coming to America. There were eleven girls and one boy.

It was upon David Kirchhoffer's land that the first church house of the community was built. Constructed of logs the Sonnenberg Church house was located on the southeast corner of his property.

Daughter Maria Kirchhoffer married 15 May 1820 to Johannes Amstutz. Their wedding was the third wedding performed in the community.

David Kirchhoffer was listed in the 1820 Census in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He was listed in the Abstracts of Naturalization Records 1812-1903 Journal 6 # 427.

Note: the surname spelling has been found as Kirchoffer, Kilhoffer and Kilhover.

David Kirchhoffer and Maria Kirchhoffer were entered in Wayne County Pioneers in 1993.

David Kirchhoffer (abt.1759-1839) married Barbara  
Maria Kirchhoffer (1800-1871) married Johannes Amstutz  
Jacob Amstutz (1833-1896) married Catherina Steiner  
Mary Amstutz (1864-1948) married Andrew Welty  
Stanley R. Welty (1902-1991) married Georgia Ahrendts  
Stanley Welty Jr. (1929- 2007)