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## Preface

This work proposes to set forth the History and Genealogy of the Allgaier Family, as far back in time and place that it is possible to do so. Strict adherence to actual facts will be the rule, rather than hearsay, or unconfirmed information. There will be library reference on historical issues that effect or pertain to the subject matter.

When my father passed away in 1936, my mother gave me an old tin box that contained a small record book of our family, dating to 1757. Also in the box was a homemade pamphlet with semi-hard covers and tied together with ribbon. Inside were six pages of yellowed paper, the writing in the German language. On the first two pages, giving the origin of the Allgaier family in Europe, the other four pages were slightly different translations in English; all written by the same hand and signed by E. B. Vein dated 6/39. Above the signature was the reference "See the History of Europe Heraldry" ....

From the time these documents came into my hands, I had a desire to write a comprehensive history and genealogical record of our Allgaier family. Not just a "Tree" with its many branches, but rather a story of their lives as they progressed through the generations, and became an integral part of the new Country to which our forefathers had emigrated from their homeland.

Since I had left the United States in 1937 as an employee of the U.S. Civil Service in the Panama Canal Zone, I found no time to begin my research during our brief vacation periods to begin the time consuming research for this material, until after my retirement on December 31, 1967. We settled in our new home in St. Petersburg, Florida in January 1968. It was not until the Spring of 1969 that we made our first visit to our hometown of Reading, Pennsylvania, that I was able to begin the research into our family history.

Realizing that I needed some plan to follow, and knowing that all I had was partial records of family members long deceased, I decided to start with Burial Records. Indicated also was the fact that they had all been baptised at St. Peters Catholic Church on south Fifth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, and many had been married there. We called at the Church Rectory and met the Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. O'Donnell. As soon as I had introduced myself, he said that was an old and prominent name at St. Peters from the very beginning. He went into his library and returned with a booklet giving the history of St. Peters. Looking through this I found that Sebastian Allgaier and his sons were members and "trustees" of the old church on Duke Street, now Seventh Street, in 1790. I asked if he had a spare copy, but he did not, but offered it to me to take along and read but to return it, which I did. Then I told of my plan to copy the burial records first. He took us into his office and laid on a table a new record book. He said he had just finished rewriting all the burial records of those buried in St. Peters Cemetery on the slope of Never-sink Mountain.

The Cemetery begins at the south end of Tenth Street and extends to the east. All Allgaier graves are in the western section. The new record book was in alphabetical order, and in no time Gertrude had them all copied. We then spoke to Monsignor O'Donnell about the Marriage and Baptismal Registers. He got them from the safe, but told us they had all been microfilmed, and were available at the Berks County Historical Society, and would be much easier to read. After I had looked at them I agreed; some were written in Latin, some in German, and others in English. So we spent three days on the Microfilm Readers, until we had every one copied that pertained to our family. A few we had to write the Latin as near as possible, and have them translated.

The next phase of our search was at the Berks County Courthouse. Here we found the Marriage Records only began in 1885. These were in a great number of large heavy books, and spanned the years to the present time. We had to work four days going through them before we had all the names and dates copied. A few had not been married in the Catholic faith. Then we proceeded to the Index to Deeds, writing down all the names of Allgaiers that had owned property, including the Deed Book letter and page numbers. Then the Deed Books themselves, those that did not hold any specific information we passed over; those that did we copied on a large photo copier available to us. We soon discovered that not all the Allgaiers owned single homes. It was apparent that several, including Sebastian, were in the real estate business, and had bought and sold many times. One of the deeds we came across and dated 1767 was that of Michael Algeyer and his wife, Anna Marie. They had sold this property in 1775, and I could not find any other Deed in their name. We checked all the names we had, and this was a new one. Then we read all the Wills that had been probated. They were quite enlightening as to the value of their estates; and also gave us the names of children and the relationship. Only one had been an Orphans Court procedure.

One other Deed of Sale found at the Berks County Courthouse was the sale of property on the north side of Main Street in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky. George Allgaier and Ann S. Allgaier, his wife, and Matilda Holmes to Edward Hastings of Georgetown, Kentucky, for \$102.85, dated the tenth day of February, 1866. George and his wife must have returned to Reading for a visit. This was at the time he was selling his properties in Georgetown, prior to moving to Lexington, Kentucky, where he died ten years later in 1876.

After spending more than a month at this work, Gertrude and I were very tired, so we decided to take a vacation and rest. We had been invited to spend some time with Bennett Melcher and his wife, Margaret, who is Gertrude's first cousin. I mentioned to Bennett the work I had undertaken, and at St. Peters Church in Reading I had

We then moved north to Rostock, Germany where we boarded a Sea Ferry for Denmark, across the Baltic Sea. We stayed a few days in Copenhagen, then crossed to Sweden, and north to Stockholm for several days. Then drove west across Sweden to Oslo, Norway. At this point we decided to make our final turn south. At Goteborg, Sweden, we again boarded a large Sea Ferry to Alborg on the mainland of Denmark, a six hour ride. Taking our time, we moved south to Hamburg, Germany, and then into the Netherlands. We spent about a week touring this interesting country. Then to Brussels, Belgium where we had started over three months before. Here I contacted our airline and found we could leave from Luxembourg for Miami, Florida in one week. We left for Paris the next day.

Arriving in Paris, France, we located the Renault Agency and turned in our little car that had given us so much pleasure. We left Paris at 5:00 p.m., arriving in Luxembourg at midnight. We still had four days to spare, so toured this small country by bus. We boarded our plane at 2:00 p.m., landing in the Azores for refueling, and were back in Miami, Florida in 12 hours. A short flight to Tampa, and home by 2:00 a.m., August 21, 1970. We had travelled by air over 7,000 miles, and by car over 8,000 miles. I had great hopes of finding some record of our ancestors, but this was not to be.

After our return from Europe, as soon as I could find time to devote to this work, I began to type all the handwritten notes Gertrude had made on our research in Pennsylvania. Baptism records of St. Peters Church copied from microfilm at the Berks County Historical Society. This also included marriage and burial records at St. Peters. The records of marriage and baptism of the children of Sebastian Allgaier I found at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church at Bally, Pennsylvania. The records of marriage, deeds and wills found in the Berks County Courthouse. Many of the marriage and baptismal records were written by these early mission priests in Latin or German and in very poor handwriting. Although I had been taught some Latin at St. Peters School as a child, I was not a student of this language. This made the translation very difficult for me, and I had to enlist the help of a priest. The German was a bit easier, I had learned some German at home. My mother and her mother, who lived with us for some time until she died, spoke German most of the time.

When I had finished typing all the notes, I decided to make up a chronology of names and dates beginning with Sebastian Allgaier. Now I began to weed out quite a few of these notes where some of the Allgaiers had been Godparents for people other than family members. This happened when we could not read the Latin, and copied the writing just as we saw it. But at last I had the beginning of a family tree, with many missing dates of birth or death, and even the place of marriage. Some of these answers we found by reading the tombstone inscriptions.

We had to go back to Reading, Pennsylvania several times until we had covered all possible sources of information. We spent months at the Reading Public Library, going through census records. The Pennsylvania Archives gave us much information in the Muster Rolls of the Army from 1776 to the War of 1812-1814, and the Civil War of 1861-1865. A number of times we returned to the Berks Historical Society reading microfilm of old newspapers where we found accounts of marriages and deaths; and spent hours browsing through old books hopeful of finding anything that might be of some interest. We did find in some old city directories the names, addresses and occupations of those people living in the Town of Reading. Quite a few of the Allgaier men were listed as "Cordwainer" (one who worked with cordovan leather), a shoe or boot-maker. Reading had several such factories in the early 1800's.

I had also found at the Berks County Historical Society in a microfilm of a Colonial Tax Record of Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, for the year 1760, where Michael Algyer had paid two shillings three pence tax. For the years between the time of his arrival from Europe August 25, 1751 and 1760, there was no other record found anywhere. Not until 1767 when he purchased a property in the Town of Reading, Pennsylvania, did I come across his name again. The first Deed was found in the Recorder of Deeds Office of the Berks County Courthouse, Reading, Pennsylvania, dated October 4, 1767, Deed Book "A", Volume 2, page 204. Nicholas Smith and his wife, Eva, sold to Michael Algyer of the Town of Reading, County of Berks, in the Province of Pennsylvania "Carpenter" and his wife, Anna Maria, for the sum of eighty pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania. They sold this property September 8, 1775.

There was no other Deed under the name of Michael Algyer in the records of the Berks County Courthouse. It was evident he had moved elsewhere. It was not until I had made inquiries in the National Archives, Washington, D.C. for the War and Pension Records of Sebastian Allgaier, that he had been drafted into the War from the Town of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This opened a new avenue of research for me. It may be well to note at this point that Hans Michael Algyer was not the only one by that, or similar, name I had found in the Customhouse Records of Emigrants and in old marriage records. Some of these were:

Maria Eva Allgeyer married to William Johan Albert, found in Book No. 1 of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1735.

Johannes Ahlgeyer and Catharine Margareth Muller; married July 16, 1745 at St. Michaels and Zion Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Johannes Algeyer, from Customhouse Records No. 143, October 17, 1749. Foreigners from the Palatinate, Wirtemberg and Rittenheim, Ship

Fane. William Hyndman Captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes; 596 passengers to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

So at this point in my search I had no definite proof just who was the progenitor of our family. It was not until June of 1977 when we again went to Pennsylvania to search the records of the Lancaster County Courthouse. We found that a new Courthouse had been built, and they had just moved in. I inquired about their records beginning in 1775 or earlier, and was directed to the basement of the old building. Mrs. Carol Book was in charge of the Archives, and was in the process of cataloging and having microfiche negatives made of each page of the old record books. I told her what I was looking for and gave her the name in its various spellings. She said I was lucky, that most of the old Deeds had been completed. She took us into another room where they had the index cards and the microfiche copies. In a moment she had six cards laid out and one of these was a Deed from Michael Algayer to Sebastian, dated November 1, 1785.

Mrs. Book then brought out the microfiche cards; each contained ten negatives of pages of the Deed Books. The first we looked at on the microfiche reader was Deed Book "S", page 606. Michael Algier had bought from Leonard Kraus and his wife, Maria Agatha, a property located at No. 398 Mulberry Street in the town of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with no mention of Anna Maria, Michael's wife, who I had found on the Deed to the property in Reading, Pennsylvania. The absence of her name indicated she may have died sometime after September 2, 1775, when he sold the property in Reading, and May 28, 1776, when he bought in Lancaster. The next Deed I saw was in Book "DD" Volume 2, pages 519, 520 and 521, dated November 1, 1785. The preamble of this Deed read as follows:

THIS INDENTURE, made the first day of November, anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and eighty five, between John Sechler and Henry Sechler, both of the Borough of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania. Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Michael Algier late of the Borough of Lancaster, in the County and State aforesaid. Yoeman: Deceased of the one part, and Sebastian Algeier of the same place; of the other part. Final) Sebastian paid forty pounds specie for this property.

Since this Deed mentioned the last Will of Michael Algier, and although I knew of this man for some years, I still had no positive proof that he was the father of Sebastian. I then asked if they had a copy of this Will, but she said no, it would be some time before they started on the Will Books. She thought about it for a moment and said it might be possible to find that book since Wills were filed for probate usually right after death, and we had the date of November 1785, it might be possible to find the book. She asked if I would go with her into another

room where the Will books were kept. We went into a room with one light bulb and the room was rather dark, but she knew about where the book would be, and with some hunting around she found one dated 1785. This was Book "E" Volume 1, and on pages 283-284 we found it. This now left no doubt that he was the father of Sebastian since he named his children: first Joseph, then Sebastian, and two daughters, Barbara and Catharine; and also his second wife, Barbara. Under the terms of equal distribution between the wife and children, and to settle the estate as directed by Michael Algayer in his Will. It is apparent that his son, Sebastian, had sufficient funds to buy the property and pay out the equal share the Will called for. Finding these documents was certainly the most important discovery I had made in this long search for our ancestor.

Many questions still remain: when did Michael Algayer's first wife die, and where was she buried? There was also no record of his burial place. These records were lost by St. Marys Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, when they gave them to the Catholic Cemetery Association. Even the records of the first church, a log chapel, St. John Nepomucene so named. Built in 1741 by the renowned Father William Wappler, was destroyed by fire set by an arsonist December 15, 1760.

densely like herrings, as Mittleberger describes it. Without proper food and water, they were soon subject to all sorts of diseases, such as dysentery, scurvy, typhoid and smallpox. Children were the first to be attacked, and died in large numbers. He reports the death of 32 children on his ship. Of the heartless and cruel treatment practiced, he gives the following example. "One day, just as we were having a gale, a woman in our ship who was to give birth, and could not due to the storm, was pushed through the porthole and dropped into the sea, because she was too far in the rear of the ship and could not be brought forward."

The misery reaches the climax when a gale rages for two or three nights, so that everyone believes the ship will go to the bottom with all human beings on board. When the ship is constantly tossed from side to side by the storm and waves, so that no one can either walk, sit or lie; and the closely packed people in the berths are tumbled over each other, both the sick and the well. It will be readily understood that many of these people, none of whom had been prepared for such hardship, suffer so terribly that they do not survive. When at last they arrive in the calmer waters of the Delaware Bay, here they had to wait for an incoming tide to take them 50 miles up the Delaware River to Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Here all their miseries were to end; yet another delay occurs with the appearance of a health officer who visits the ship. If any persons with an infectious disease on the ship were discovered, it was ordered to remove one mile from the city. Finally, those who could be given a clean bill of health were able to come ashore.

After just such a voyage on Tuesday, August 25, 1751, our ancestor, Hans Michael Algyer, arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Custom House record for this date reads as follows:

(List 161 C) At the Court House of Philadelphia.  
Tuesday 25, August 1751.

Present: The Worshipful William Plumsted Esq., Mayor  
of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Foreigners whose names are underwritten, imported  
in the ship "Anderson", Hugh Campbell, Master: from  
Rotterdam, and last from Cowes. Did this day take and  
subscribe the usual and foregoing Qualifications.  
230 Freights, No. 100. 50 Roman Catholics.  
Messrs. Stedman.

There followed a list of the names of 92 men, who for the most part were head of a household. The names of women and children were not given, nor was their hometown or country of origin.

Lowrance Durst  
 Hans Jurch Hummerle  
 Johannes Frick  
 Mathias Rost  
 Hans George Hook  
 Jacob Maud  
 Joseph Strohle  
 Michael Chrisback  
 Hans Martz  
 Johanes H. Bower  
 George Hoozer  
 Abraham Rinhart  
 Hans Adams  
 Hans Shaver  
 Georg Vallentin Fehl  
 Philip Kinder  
 Andreas Hyder  
 Peter Wehrner  
 Ulrich Bernhart  
 Hans Scheffer  
 Hans Jacob Bernaht  
 Michael Moritz  
 Lorentz Leble  
 Hans Gorg Schneider  
 Jost Stroh  
 Michael Dannerinborgen  
 Michell Dannerinborgen  
 Mades Flach  
 Johannes Zimer  
 Hans Caspar Strudter  
 Lerentos Shiney  
 Joseph Riebell  
 Hans Michael Koonts  
 Georg Arbengast  
 Michael Sommer  
 Michael Slauter  
 Hans Michael Algyer \*  
 Hans Yerick Huber  
 Franciscus Erdier  
 Johanes House  
 Philip House  
 Michael Bower  
 Lorents Fisher  
 Yerick Fisher  
 Hans Yerick Num

Ludwich Werner  
 Sebastian Greim  
 Adam Greim  
 Hans Riter  
 Johann Friedrich Geyer  
 Hans George Eisinberg  
 Peter Breilinger  
 Peter Klein  
 Martin Clain  
 Anthony Yauble  
 Joseph Voltz  
 Anthony Schydner  
 Georg Sifridt  
 Hans Michael Seafredt  
 Hans Yerick Seafredt  
 Michael Kintz  
 Bartholome Heist  
 Hans Haysh  
 Hans Schiff  
 Joseph Kautz  
 Michael Reeby  
 Hans Michael Blanck  
 Hans Georg Yundt  
 Yerick Beck  
 Yerick Baker  
 Gerg Bewer  
 Andres Straub  
 Jacob Walder  
 Michael Kurmann  
 Gorg Kirmann  
 Marx Kurrmann  
 Johann Jacob Vogt  
 Yerick Mertz  
 Georg Pfozter  
 Matthias Kurrmann  
 Hans Schott  
 Michael Kann  
 Joh Rotenberger  
 Johannes Schuttulerlin  
 Hans Jerg Holdeintz  
 Hans George Bower  
 Joseph Slater  
 Martin Schlatter  
 Hans Gorg Ullrich  
 Johann Georg Aumuller

# Family of Michael F. Allgaier and Anna Maria

Michael F. Allgaier:

child of

Born: Austria-Germany  
 Died: 10/13/1785 at Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
 Buried: Unknown  
 Occupation: Carpenter  
 Military: Discharged April 22, 1781 from the Associators of Militia Muster Roll, of 2nd Class, 8th Battalion.  
 Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 7.

Married: Anna Maria  
 Daughter of

Died:  
 Buried: Unknown

## Children:

1. Joseph Allgaier  
 Born / /1753, Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.  
 Married Christina Martin
2. Barbara Allgaier  
 Born / /1755, Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.  
 Married
3. Sebastian Allgaier  
 Born 5/ 5/1757, Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.  
 Married Catharine Ruttner 7/2/1778.
4. Catharine Allgaier  
 Born / /1759, Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.  
 Married

## Second marriage of Michael F. Allgaier:

In his Will dated October 14, 1785, he names his wife as Barbara. This marriage had to occur after 1776, when he bought his property on Mullberry Street, in Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

## Last Will and Testament of Michael Algayer

### IN THE NAME OF GOD:

Amen: I Michael Algayer of the Borough of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster, Carpenter, Being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing Mind, Memory and understanding, calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and that it is ordered for all Men once to die. I therefore make my Last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say. I order and it is my will my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. Item: I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Barbara all those household furniture and things which she brought to me at the time of our marriage aforehand.

Item: I order and it is my will that my house and Lott of Ground whereon I now live in the Borough of Lancaster shall be sold by my hereafter named Executors as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. Either by Private Sale or Publick Vendue as it may be thought best. And the money raised by the sale of my said house and Lott and Personal Estate shall be applied towards paying my debts. And the residue and Remainder thereof and of all other my Personal Estate not herein before bequeathed. I order to be equally divided among my said wife Barbara, and my four children Viz: Joseph Algayer, Sebastian Algayer, Barbara, Catharine, Share and Share alike. Item: I order that my said wife shall live in my said house and Lott and have the use and benifit thereof until the same is sold by my Executors. And I do hereby declare that the several Bequeats articles and things herein given to my said wife shall be deemed and taken to be in Liew and full satisfaction for all her dower and thirds, of into and out of all my Estates Real and Personal. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Trusty friends John Seghler and Henry Seghler of the Borough of Lancaster whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Impowering them hereby to sell my said house and Lott and residue of my Personal Estate in manner aforesaid. And make Sign Seal Execute and deliver a good and sufficient Deed or Deeds to the Purchasor or Purchasors thereof making hereby Null and Void all former and other Will or Wills by me heretofore made, declaring this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

WITNESS my hand and Seal this Twenty third day of September, A. Dom. One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five.

Michael Allgaier

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the Testator as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us Jacob Hubert Chas. Shaffner.

LANCASTER COUNTY: On the fourteenth day of October Anno Domini 1785 Before me the Subscriber: Personally appeared Jacob Hubert

and Chas. Shaffner the two subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and on their Corporal Oaths according to Law did Severally depose and say that they were present and saw and heard Michael Algayer the Testator above named Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing writeing as and for his Last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound and well desposeing Mind, Memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and Belief. Philip Gloninger Depy. Regtr.

Be it remembered that on the fourteenth Day of October, Anno Domini 1785 the said Will and Testament of Michael Algayer Late of the Borough of Lancaster, Carpenter deceased was proved in due form of Law and Letters Testamentary thereon were granted to John Segler and Henry Segler the Executors therein named the having first been duly Sworn well and truly to administer the Estate of the said deceased and Especially to Exhibit a true and perfect Inventory thereof into the Registors Office at Lancaster on or before the fourteenth day of November next and to render a just and true account of their administration on the said Estate within one year, or when thereto Lawfully required. Given under the Seal of said office.

Philip Gloninger Depy. Regtr.

James Jacks Reg.

Lancaster County Court House, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Will Book "E", Volume 1, Pages 283, 284

Note: Since Wills are filed for probate immediately after death, it is safe to assume that Michael died October 13, 1785.

# Family of Joseph Allgaier and Christina Martin

Joseph Allgaier:

First child of Michael F. Allgaier and Anna Maria

**Born:**            / / 1753, Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania

**Died:**            11/9/1831 at Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

**Buried:**        Beards Graveyard, East Petersburg, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Occupation:**   Carpenter

**Military:**      Revolutionary War, Private under command of W. Hamilton

**Married:**       Christina Martin

**Children:**

1.            Barbara,    Born    /   /    (Birth not recorded)  
               Baptized: 1/4/1792, St. Marys Roman Catholic Church,  
    Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
               Sponsors: David Fitzgerald and wife Barbara  
               Priest:        Father William Ellinc
2.            Joseph,     Born 10/28/1793  
               Baptized: 8/28/1794, St. Marys Roman Catholic Church,  
    Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
               Sponsors: John Sechler and Barbara Sechler  
               Priest:        Father Stanislaus Cerfoumont
3.            John,       Born 10/22/1795  
               Baptized: 6/15/1796, St. Marys Roman Catholic Church,  
    Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
               Sponsors: David and Barbara Fitzgerald  
               Priest:        Father Louis Barth
4.            James,     Born 12/8/1797  
               Baptized: 4/30/1798, St. Marys Roman Catholic Church,  
    Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
               Sponsor:    David Fitzgerald (only)  
               Priest:        Father Louis Barth

**Family of Joseph Allgaier, Jr.****Joseph Allgaier, Jr. :****Second child of Joseph Allgaier and Christina Martin****Born:** 10/28/1793, Baptized 8/28/1794 at Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**Died:****Buried:****Military:****Occupation:****Married:****Daughter of****Born:****Died:****Buried:****Children:****1.**

**Family of John Allgaier and****John Allgaier:****Third child of Joseph Allgaier and Christina Martin****Born:** 10/22/1795, Baptized 6/15/1796 at Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**Died:****Buried:****Military:****Occupation****Married:****Daughter of****Born:****Died:****Buried:****Children:****1.**

**Family of James Allgaier and****James Allgaier :****Fourth child of Joseph Allgaier and Christina Martin****Born: 12/8/1797, Baptized 4/30/1798 at Lancaster, Lancaster  
County, Pennsylvania****Died:****Buried:****Military:****Occupation:****Married:****Daughter of****Born:****Died:****Buried:****Children:****1.**

Family of Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Ruttner

Sebastian Allgaier :

Third child of Michael F. Allgaier and Anna Maria

**Born:** 5/5/1757, in Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania

**Died:** 2/27/1846 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

**Buried:** St. Peters Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania

**Occupation:** General Store Merchant, at 7th and Penn Streets, Reading, Pennsylvania

**Military:** Revolutionary War, 1776 to 1778 (See Pension Record)

**Married:** Catharine Ruttner (Rittner), 7/2/1778. The daughter of Joseph and Barbara Ruttner, at Mass in the home of John Michael Siegfried in the Oley Hills.

**Children:**

1. Joseph, Born 4/1/1779, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married: Anna Margaret Lambert, 5/9/1803
2. Catharine, Born 6/10/1781, Died 4/20/1852  
Married: John George Repplier of Strassburg, Germany
3. John, Born 6/26/1784, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married: Mary L.
4. Michael, Born 4/11/1786, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married: Catharine Gross at Lancaster, Pennsylvania
5. Elicabeth, Born 3/11/1792, Died 1/11/1789
6. Jacob A., Born 3/11/1792, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married: Margaret Eltz 2/17/1820
7. Anna Marie, Born 5/23/1797, Died 5/28/1860  
Married: Daniel Seyfret
8. George, Born 6/13/1800, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married: Lydia Gift, 4/6/1823

Marriage and Baptism records were found for the above in the Register of St. Pauls Catholic Church at Bally, Pennsylvania, except that of George Allgaier and Lydia Gift; that was found on microfilm of old newspapers.

Application for Revolutionary War Pension, County of Berks,  
State of Pennsylvania

Personally appeared Sebastian Allgaier, in open Court of Common Pleas. Held at Reading, in and for Berks County. Who upon his solemn oath doth diput and say that he is a resident of the Borough of Reading aforesaid, aged 75 years past. That he was drafted and served in the Militia of Pennsylvania, in the Revolutionary War in the year 1776. In a Company commanded by Captain George Mossen, Col. George Ross Regiment. At that time he resided in the town of Lancaster. That he marched in said Company from Elizabeth Town Point, and served a tour of two months. In the year of 1777 he was drafted and stood guard at the Barracks in Lancaster, guarding the British prisoners; and when the Hessians were sent from Trenton to Lancaster, and from there to Fredrick Town in Maryland, was one of the guards and served two months in this last tour. I do not recollect the names of any of the Officers. I think one was Captain Kreider. In the same year 1777 I was in a Company commanded by Capt. Conrad Geist, in Colonel Hunter's Regiment and marched from the Borough of Reading to the City of Philadelphia, from there to Old Chester, from there to Wilmington. This was at the time when the battle was at Brandywine and served two months. That in the year 1778 he served in Captain Charles Gobin's Company as a substitute for Collinson Read two months, that he marched from the Borough of Reading aforesaid. That the Company marched to Trenton, and there he joined said Company in Colonel Joseph Heister's Regiment. They remained there until discharged. As to the period of each service, he cannot at this late period ascertain precisely.

Sworn and Subscribed in Open Court  
Garrick Malleny Prest.

Sebastian Allgaier

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant for a pension, in account of services in the Militia.

1. Where and in what year were you born?  
I was born in Bern Township, Berks County, in the year 1757.
2. Have you any record of your age?  
I have a record as given to me by my father.
3. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?  
The first and second time I resided in the Borough of Reading, and have resided in said Borough ever since.
4. How were you called into the service, were you drafted?  
I was drafted three times as stated in my application, and as a substitute for Collinson Read.

Sebastian Allgaier

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## PENNSYLVANIA

## SEBASTIAN ALLGAIER

of Berks in the State of Pennsylvania who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Mossen of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ross in the Pennsylvania line for eight months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania at the rate of 26 dollars and 66 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15th day of March 1833, and sent to the Honorable H. A. Muhlenberg, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833 . . . . .	\$53.33
Semiannual allowance ending 4 September 1833. .	<u>13.33</u>
	\$66.66

(Revolutionary Claim)  
(Act of June 7, 1832)

Recorded by A. B. Thurston - Clerk  
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## Last Will and Testament of Sebastian Allgaier

In the name of God Amen: I Sebastian Allgaier of the Borough Reading, Berks County, being of sound mind, memory and understanding. Do make and publish this as my Last Will and Testament.

In the first place, my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executors hereinafter named.

It is my will that all my Real Estate wherever situated shall be sold by my executors hereinafter named as soon as convenient after my decease, and the proceeds thereof together with all my personal and mixed property of whatever kind or nature I give and bequeath One share thereof unto my son, Joseph Allgaier, his heirs and assigns forever.

One share thereof unto my daughter, Catharine Repplier, her heirs and assigns forever.

One share thereof unto my son, John Allgaier, his heirs and assigns forever.

One share thereof to my son, Michael Allgaier, his heirs and assigns forever.

One share thereof unto my son, Jacob Allgaier, his heirs and assigns forever.

One share thereof unto my son, George Allgaier, his heirs and assigns forever.

And one share thereof unto my daughter, Anna Maria, intermarried with Daniel Seyfert and her heirs, but in case she should die without lawful issue, then and in that case, I give and bequeath her share to all my other children above married their heirs and assigns forever.

It is my will that all the Bonds and Notes I hold against any of my said children shall be considered as part of my Estate, and be deducted from their and their heirs' shares respectively.

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my three sons Joseph, John and Jacob Allgaier to be the executors of this my Last Will and Testament. Hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made. And declaring this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of December A.D. One thousand eight hundred and forty.

Sebastian Allgaier

Signed Sealed and declared by the said testator, as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

H. Rhoads  
Sam R. Schmit

I Sebastian Allgaier the within named testator, do made and publish this Codicil to be added to my Last Will and Testament. Viz: Whereas in my said Last Will, I have given and bequeathed unto my son Michael Allgaier, who is since deceased. One share of my Estate Real and Personal. I do hereby declare that my will is and I give and bequeath the said share which would have come unto the said Michael Allgaier in case he had lived, unto Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Allgaier, children of said Michael Allgaier deceased, and their heirs forever, share and share alike and in case either of them should die in my life time, then to the survivor his or her heirs forever.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 29th day of April A.D. 1844.

Sebastian Allgaier

Signed Sealed and published in the presence of us.

Sam R. Schmit  
H. Rhoads

Family of Joseph Allgaier and Anna Margaret Lambert

Joseph Allgaier :

First child of Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Ruttner

**Born:** 4/1/1779 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

**Died:** 2/4/1852 in Reading, Pennsylvania

**Buried:** St. Peters Catholic Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania

**Occupation:** Shoe and Bootmaker

**Military:** War of 1812-1814, Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry  
Private, commanded by Captain Jacob Marshall. From  
September 1, 1814 to December 4, 1814

**Married:** Anna Margaret Lambert 5/9/1803, at the old St. Peters  
Catholic Church on Duke Street (7th Street) Reading,  
Pennsylvania

**Wife born:** 3/4/1778 in Reading, Pennsylvania. The daughter of  
James and Dorothy Lambert

**Died:** 2/6/1835, in Reading, Pennsylvania

**Buried:** St. Peters Catholic Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania

**Children:**

1. Catharine, Born 3/10/1804, Died 8/12/1805  
Buried: St. Peters Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania
2. Margaret, Born 7/27/1806, Died 12/29/1868  
Buried: St. Peters Cemetery  
Remained single
3. William S., Born 3/10/1808, Died 2/4/1898  
Married: Sarah Prudentia Felix, 4/28/1833
4. Louise, Born 8/3/1810, Died 3/24/1875  
Married: Philip G. Smith, lived at Lebanon, Pennsylvania
5. Mary D., Born 2/28/1814, Died 6/23/1895  
Remained single, housekeeper for brother, Charles P.
6. James S., Born 5/25/1815, Died 1/5/1908  
Married: Sarah Bright
7. Charles P., Born 5/4/1817, Died 1/5/1911  
Remained single, in real estate with brother William S.
8. Emma Catharine, Born / /1818, Died 12/27/1867

# Family of John Allgaier and Mary L.

John Allgaier :

Third child of Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Ruttner

Born: 6/26/1784 in Reading, Pennsylvania  
 Died: 3/15/1863 in Reading, Pennsylvania  
 Buried: St. Peters Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania  
 Occupation: He was engaged in the drygoods trade for many years on the south side of Penn Street at the corner of 6th. He was also an investor in real estate.  
 Military: None  
 Married: Mary L.  
 Wife born: 4/13/1786  
 Died: 11/3/1874  
 Buried: St. Peters Catholic Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania  
 Children: No record of baptism of children was found.

One real estate transaction he made should be of interest to all of the Allgaier family; but especially to those descended from the family of George Allgaier in Kentucky. In a Deed Book dated 4/9/1845, Volume 50, page 210, found in the Berks County Courthouse, Reading, Pennsylvania. The preamble of the Deed reads as follows: John and Mary his wife, and Simon Seyfert and Elizabeth his wife, and the Rt. Rev. Francis Patrick Kenrick, Bishop of Philadelphia. They had bought from William H. Cooper and Mary Ann his wife, Lot No. 30 on the west side of South 5th Street for the sum of \$1406, as agents for the "Trustees" and members of St. Peters Church. By this Deed the property was released to the Rt. Rev. Francis Patrick Kenrick; but with certain restrictions imposed. Provided that the said congregation shall be managed by a Committee of Seven, including the Pastor of the congregation who has not been a residing Pastor of the congregation for five years previously. All officers such as Treasurer and Secretary to be chosen by the Board of Seven. The Sexton and Organist to be appointed by the Pastor of the congregation. The aforesaid Bishop to appoint the committee annually at Easter.

Bishop Kenrick, as a young priest stationed at St. Pius Parish, offered Mass at the Allgaier home in Georgetown, Kentucky as early as 1827. By 1850 the Allgaier home was the regular mission station in the town.

**Family of Michael Allgaier and Catharine Gross**

**Michael Allgaier :**

**Fourth child of Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Ruttner**

**Born:** 4/11/1786, in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

**Died:** 12/14/1842, in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky

**Buried:**

**Occupation:** Agriculture, Real Estate and Mortgage Loans

**Military:** None

**Married:** Catharine Gross

**Wife born:**

**Died:**

**Buried:**

**Children:**

1. Louise, Born 1808, Baptised 1810 at St. Marys Catholic Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Other than the name and date, the rest was not readable. Married: William Henry Barlow of Georgetown, Kentucky. He died 12/14/1887 in Lexington, Kentucky. From the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society.
2. Maria, Born 12/23/1812, Baptised 1/10/1813 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Conewago, Adams County, Hanover, Pennsylvania. Married: Jacob Wise. Their son, Richard H. Wise, was baptised 11/23/1845 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati, Ohio, by J. B. Purcell, Archbishop of Cincinnati. Sponsor was Catharine Allgaier, who could have been mother, or sister.
3. Henrietta, Born 11/10/1814, Baptised 1/1/1815, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Conewago, Adams County, Hanover, Pennsylvania. No other information on Henrietta was ever found.
4. Anna M., Born / /1816  
Married: Bernard Lynch about 1832  
A son, Louis Lynch, was born 1834, Baptised 2/27/1834, shown in the register of St. Pius Church.
5. Sebastian, Born about 1818 to 1824  
Married: Sara Snyder about 1843.  
First child born 11/23/1845.
6. Catharine, Born about 1820  
Married: Green

After his daughter, Louise, was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1809, it is evident that Michael began his move westward, as many other pioneers were doing at the time. He was next located at or near Conewago, as indicated by the birth of two other girls, Maria and Henrietta, 1812 and 1814. These were the last records found in Pennsylvania.

Michael continued his westward movement, probably about 1817 or 1818, no doubt by way of the Monogahela River. Here they boarded the huge flat boats for the trip down the Ohio River, to Mays Landing in Kentucky. Here I picked up his trail again on a property Deed I found in the Franklin County Courthouse at Frankfort, Kentucky, dated September 1819. Thomas Bryant sold to Michael Allgaier and Catharine his wife, 22 acres of land for the sum of \$300. On July 29, 1820 he sold this property to Fredrick Keller for the sum of \$600. This was the last Deed in his name in Franklin County. He had moved, but where?

Then, under Mortgage Deeds, still in Franklin County, I found dated 1823 where he had loaned \$1,000 against a large farm property, buildings, household items, slaves, livestock and other items; to be paid in full within one year, and it was so paid. His address was given as Campbell County.

The next county to the north was Owen County. Here I found in the town of Owenton, the county seat; he had on May 9, 1826 bought Lot No. 7 for \$400. Evidently he had made a poor choice, for he later sold the same for \$80. Again, his address was given as Campbell County. Then I realized what he was doing. In 1820 he made his home in Campbell County, but he traveled throughout these northern counties, buying and selling real estate, and loaning money. Also in Scott County I came upon a Deed of property, where Joshua Hardy had sold to Michael, one negro man named Jacob, 31 years of age, and one negro man and horse, for the sum of \$400. He probably was considered a man of some wealth, and a Gentleman Farmer, since he traveled so much, investing in real estate in other counties.

Then we came to Campbell County, where I expected to find the original deed when he purchased this land, but it could not be found. However, in Deed Book "O", page 235 dated September 22, 1839, he sold to Austin Bohannon for the sum of \$2,500, one colored woman, age 25, and three boys, 40 heads of hogs, 14 heads of cattle, and all real estate. This was the last deed I found of Michael Allgaier and his wife, Catharine Ross.

Our old family record book shows Michael Allgaier died in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky 12/14/1842 at the age of 56 years. I checked the Courthouse for any record of him or his family, but there was none. The Census for 1840, Kenton County, shows Michael in Agriculture; one male 20-30 years, probably his son, Sebastian; one female age 50-60 years, his wife, Catharine; no mention of his daughter Catharine. After Michael died in 1842, his father changed his will, giving Michael's share to his son, Sebastian, and daughter, Catharine. (See Sebastian's Will).

Family of Jacob A. Allgaier and Margaret Eltz

Jacob Anthony Allgaier :

Sixth child of Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Ruttner

Born: 3/11/1792 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Died: 10/17/1864 in Reading, Pennsylvania

Buried: St. Peters Catholic Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania

Military: Corporal, War of 1812-1814

Occupation: Cabinetmaker

Married: Margaret Eltz, 2/7/1819 In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by the Rev. Louis Barth. Witnesses: Rev. John Rosity and John Victor. Margaret was the daughter of Jacob and Sophia Eltz.

Born: 11/1/1795, Reading, Pennsylvania

Died: 4/10/1842, Reading, Pennsylvania

Buried: St. Peters Catholic Cemetery, Reading, Pennsylvania

Children:

1. Henry, born 12/6/1819, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Died 8/2/1849, Frankfort, Kentucky (Single)
2. Lewis, born 5/25/1822 Reading, Pennsylvania  
Died 4/16/1858, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Buried St. Peters Cemetery
3. John J., born 5/29/1825, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married Susan Murphy 5/8/1849, Georgetown, Kentucky  
Died 7/16/1851, Frankfort, Kentucky (No issue)
4. Jacob S., born 2/5/1827, died 8/3/1827, Reading, Pennsylvania
5. Mary Ann, born 1/18/1829, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married Anthony A. Felix, 5/3/1866, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Died 11/1/1877, Buried St. Peters Cemetery
6. Augustus, born 7/3/1830, died 8/3/1830

## Children: (continued)

7. Francis S., born 10/5/1831, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Married Mary Ann Connolly
8. Anna C., born 1/27/1834, died 4/26/1842, Reading, Pennsylvania
9. Louise, born 1/17/1837, died 7/3/1837, Reading, Pennsylvania

Note: The early death of four children (#4, 6, 8 and 9). Henry and his brother, John J. (children #1 and #3), went to Kentucky about 1847. A notice in the Berks and Schuylkill Journal of May 19, 1849, stated John J. Allgaier of this city, Reading, Pennsylvania, and Susan Murphy were united in marriage at the home of George Allgaier, in Georgetown, Kentucky, by the Rev. Abraham McMahon on May 8, 1849.

# Family of George Allgaier and Lydia Gift (first wife)

George Allgaier :

Eighth, and last, child of Sebastian Allgaier and Catharine Ruttner (Rittner)

Born: 6/13/1800, in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania  
 Died: 8/15/1876, in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky  
 Buried: Calvary Cemetery, Lexington, Kentucky  
 Military: None  
 Occupation: Tinner, or Tinsmith, and Hardware Merchant in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky  
 Married: Lydia Gift on Sunday 4/6/1823 by the Rev. John J. Holland, a Catholic priest attached to St. Marys Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The following was found on microfilm, Roll No. 35, Frame No. 195, of the newspaper, "Reading Adler." On Sunday last by the Rev. Mr. Holland, George Allgaier of this borough, to Miss Lydia Gift of Maiden Creek, the daughter of Andreas and Catharine Gift.

Born: / /1802 in Maidencreek, Berks County, Pennsylvania  
 Died: 1/25/1828 in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky  
 Buried: St. Pius Catholic Cemetery, White Sulphur, Kentucky  
 Grave No. 238, Area No. 12

## Children:

1. Charles A., born 8/21/1822 in Maidencreek, Berks County, Pennsylvania  
 Married Mary Frances Sharpe

After their marriage in 1823, George with his wife, Lydia and son Charles, left Reading, Pennsylvania for Kentucky; no doubt at the advice of his older brother, Michael, who had gone to Kentucky in 1819 and bought a farm in the Woodford Creek area near the St. Pius Catholic Church. His name is among the first on the register of St. Pius.

George settled in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky, where he set up his business as a Tinner. Later he opened a hardware store, and was very successful.

He continued with his business and lived in Georgetown until 1869, when he sold all his properties and moved to Lexington, Kentucky.

Continued in Kentucky Section.