



Nestled in the southern York County hills, the Masimore farm still boasts its old blacksmith shop, extreme left foreground, where German immigrant

Henry Zeigler made his living forging tools and making repairs for neighboring farmers.

Bicentennial farm *Farm has history book heritage*

By JOYCE BUPP
York Co. Reporter
GLENVILLE, Pa. - "We are hardly an inch high in courage compared to those people who came across the ocean to settle this country," states Mrs. Vernon Masimore with unabashed admiration showing in her voice.

Over 100 years later, this Glen Rock R3 country woman shares with deep

pride the story of how her ancestors left the relative security of an established Europe for the uncertainties and challenges of the New World.

"Henry K. and Christian B. Zeigler, my grandparents, probably began housekeeping about 100 years ago on this farm," Fairy Masimore guesses. Her assumptions are based upon old deeds to the land

that have been passed down from owner to owner with the property title changes. Well-guarded by the Masimores, the documents are amazingly well-preserved and fascinating to read.

"My grandfather fled Germany to avoid conscription in the military and because he believed in the promise of a new beginning here," says Mrs. Masimore, adding, "Conscientious objectors are not something new."

"It was common in those

days for an individual to come and then send for relatives as they could accumulate funds to send back to the family," she explained. Henry's sister came first. She then sent for him; he in turn later sent back for others in the family. His arrival in America was first in Baltimore.

Even though he wasn't a U. S. citizen at the time, Henry Zeigler fought for the North in the Civil War.

"A man from nearby New Freedom paid my grandfather \$300 to take his place

in the war," points out Fairy. "That was an acceptable thing to do in those days." He served in the 166th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Militia

in 1862. Nine months after entering the service, Henry received an honorable

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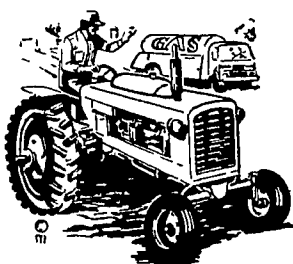
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