

### **Cemetery note:**

Hessian soldier **Jacob Bornhaus (1759-1802)** was a cousin of Christoff Bornhaus (Christopher Barnhouse), whom we met in our last Cemetery Note. Christoff and his wife Rosina Roller are buried in Jefferson County, Ohio, but Jacob is buried in the New Jerusalem cemetery, according to our burial register.

There were at least five Bornhaus soldiers from Datterode, Hesse-Kassel, Germany, who were enrolled in the Erbprinz Regiment, and who arrived in August 1776. The regiment first saw action in the New York area, and later in Virginia, under Cornwallis in the Yorktown Campaign. Four deserted, and other died 1777 of non-combat causes. Christoff, Jacob, and a George Bornhaus were all captured at Yorktown and sent to POW barracks. Christoff and Jacob were sent to the prison barracks in Frederick, Md.; while at Frederick, they defected to the Americans, and came to the German Settlement (Lovettsville). Hessian defector George Ebel was also from Datterode and apparently was a close friend of the Bornhauses, and he came with them to Loudoun County; and also married into the Roller family. Ebel is buried in Old Ebel Cemetery near St. Paul's church in Between-the-Hills.

Jacob Bornhaus and his wife Elisabeth both died in 1802 and are buried in the old cemetery, as are a number of their children who died young or in infancy. Their graves today are unmarked. We don't know where Jacob and Elisabeth were married, or how many children they had, but three of their children who were baptized at the German Reformed Church (now St. James) between 1793 and 1798.

Pictured: In the town of Datterode, in the state of Hesse, there is a linden tree dedicated to the Bornhaus family members to come to America in 1776.





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Datterode  
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1695

Barnhouse

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Barnhouse  
Amerika  
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1776