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ID: I30820Name: MICHAEL KESSLER SR.Sex: MBirth: 1757 in Berks Co., PAEvent: Source Leslie Hall Research Death: 1820 in Mahantango Twp., Schuylkill Co., PANote:

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Executors: George Kessler and William Otto Witnesses: Benjamin Stroh and Adam Dobson Dated January 31, 1820, probated April 5, 1825 Schuylkill County Court house, Pottsville, PA, Will Book # 1, page 97

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Father: HANS ABRAHAM (Imm) KESSLER b: 1720 in Germany Mother: MARY MAGDALENA

Marriage 1 MAGDALENA POLLY GRIM b: ABT 1770 in Berks Co., PA

• Married: 18 APR 1783 in Berks Co., PA

Children

- 1. GEORGE GRIM KESSLER b: 17 FEB 1786
- 2. R ABRAHAM GRIM KESSLER b: 1805 in PA
- BARBARA GRIM KESSLER
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