

Johannes Conrath (Conrad) Nicodemus (1755-1834)
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selling timothy seed. Combining notes from the Pioneer Library and the Martinsburg Herald, it is recorded that he built a house and a large barn in 1817. The house is described (in 1889) as still standing and was built of solid black walnut logs and boards - moreover, the house had a spring in the cellar! A metal sheild was placed on the gable inscribed with the date 1817 and the initials CN and MN. In 1832 Conrad donated the land for the building of the German Reforned Church in No. Woodbury Twp. of present Blair Co.

He was referred to as a man of great energy. In 1826 Conrad built a large brick commercial building on the corner of No. Market and W. Alleghenny Streets in Martinsburg and is said to have supervised every part of the construction personally. The building still stands in 1992.

Conrad wrote his last Will on September 23, 1834, shortly after the death of his 6th child, Esther, who is not mentioned in the Will. He signed the Will with an X though he could write and must have been in very poor health as he died on 30 September 1834. The Will was probated 15 October 1834 naming as executors his son John, wife Margaret and Henry Fluck. Margaret resigned as executor claiming to be too old and feeble to serve and a day later Henry Fluck renounced leaving John as the sole executor. Conrad was buried in the Nicodemus Cemetery near Henrietta and the gravestone (with incorrect birth-date) is inscribed "In Memory of Conrad Nicodemus who was born November 7 A D 1755 and died September 30 A D 1834". The cemetery is located across the road from where he built his house.

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INSCRIPTION IN TALL-CASE CLOCK

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I was interested to see the write-up in NIC' IN TIME about the early Nicodemus lands in Ohio. I have a tall-case clock, built by Jacob Hostetter of Hanover, PA which descended through the Nicodemus family. There is an inscription written by Dr. J.D. Nicodemus which attributes that clock to John, husband of Hannah Englar.

(The following inscription on letterhead of John D. Nicodemus, M.D. appears inside the clock case.)

12-12-'28 THIS CLOCK WAS PURCHASED BY MY GRANDMOTHER, HANNAH ENGLAR NICODEMUS APPROXIMATELY ABOUT THE YEAR 1831 WITH MONEY SAVED FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS WHILE HER HUSBAND JOHN NICODEMUS WAS ON A THEN-WEST-ERN LAND PURCHASING TOUR IN OHIO. LATER WAS PASSED BY MY GRANDFATHER TO HIS OLDEST SON NATHAN. AT HIS DEATH AND LATER THAT OF HIS WIFE IT CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF THEIR ONLY CHILD MAY NICODEMUS ROOP, WIFE OF EDWARD ROOP. BY HER IT WAS BEQUEATHED TO MY DAUGHTER MARY, SEPT 1927.
SIGNED JOHN D. NICODEMUS

Based on the land comments and the fact that Hostetter had left Hanover in 1825 it would seem that Dr. J.D. has the clock displaced by one generation,

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