

Catherine Meyer Household

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Marital Status</u>
Kate	Meyers	White	F	50	Head	Widow
Charles	Meyers	White	M	22	Son	Single
Henry	Meyers	White	M	20	Son	Single
Berdie	Meyers	White	F	16	Daughter	Single
Carrie	Keener	White	F	17	Servant	Single
John	Smith	White	M	36	Boarder	Single
Christian	Wagner	White	M	15	Boarder	Single
H.D.	Ford	White	M	24	Boarder	Single
John	Frederick	White	M	21	Boarder	Single
Calvin	Halleman	White	M	24	Boarder	Single

Individual Information

1. **Catherine Denker** – Born December 2, 1828 in Germany (per death certificate), died September 9, 1919 in York County, PA (per death certificate) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA. She married **John D. Meyer** who was born in 1813 in Germany (per tombstone), died September 13, 1865 in York County, PA (per 1930 Golden Jubilee Book) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA.
2. **Charles Meyer** – Born in 1855 in York County, PA (per tombstone), died in 1887 in York County, PA (per tombstone) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA. He married **Ida Catherine Sheffer** who was born June 27, 1866 in York County, PA, died May 27, 1950 in York County, PA (per death certificate) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA
3. **Henry “Harry” Meyer** – Born January 9, 1860 in York County, PA (per death certificate), died April 9, 1908 in York County, PA (per death certificate) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA.
4. **Bertha Meyer** – Born October 11, 1862 in York County, PA (per death certificate), died November 26, 1941 in York County, PA (per death certificate) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA. She married **Jacob A. Miller** who was born October 25, 1857 in York County, PA (per family bible), died June 1, 1936 in York County, PA (per death certificate) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA.
5. **Caroline Keener** – Born November 30, 1862 in York County, PA (per death certificate), died October 19, 1941 in York County, PA (per death certificate) and buried at Red Lion Cemetery in Red Lion, York County, PA.
6. **John Smith** – Born about 1844 in PA (per 1880 census)
7. **Christian Wagner** – Born about 1865 in PA (per 1880 census)

8. **H. D. Ford** – Born about 1856 in Germany (per 1880 census)

9. **John Frederick** – Born about 1859 in PA (per 1880 census)

10. **Calvin Halleman** – Born about 1856 in PA (per 1880 census)



Photo from the book titled 1930 Red Lion PA Golden Jubilee Souvenir Book.

Location of residence

- Catherine Meyer's home was located at the northwest corner of N. Main St. and W High St.



Photo of Catherine Meyer's home before extensive renovations were done to it



Photo of Catherine Meyer home after the third floor and turret was added to the original home

Occupation and Civic Involvement in Red Lion

- Catherine Meyer is widely known as the “Mother of Red Lion”. A large portion of the town of Red Lion was built upon land owned by Catherine and her husband John.
- Catherine erected the original Ma & Pa railroad depot station on part of her land in 1875, having this stop along the newly created railroad allowed for the growth of the town. The building also housed a general store, saloon and the post office that was all run by Catherine.
- On October 23, 1874, Catherine was appointed as the first Postmaster of the Red Lion post office, a position she would hold until 1888.
- Catherine was a driving force behind the incorporation of Red Lion into a borough
- Catherine offered Meyer’s Hall to be used for the first church services of St. John’s Reformed Church and even bought the lumber for the pews. Several years later, she would donate the two lots of land where the church building would be erected. She also donated the land upon which Grace Lutheran Church was built.
- Catherine sold one acre of her land for the use of the water company reservoir for \$1
- Catherine’s son-in-law Jacob A. Miller convinced her to clear a part of her land to be used as a picnic grounds, this land is now Fairmount Park and through her estate the land was given to Red Lion borough
- Fairmount Cemetery was surveyed and laid out upon land owned by Catherine Meyer
- Charles Meyer is listed as a cigar maker in the 1880 census, as a coal and wood dealer in the 1881 and 1883 city directories and as a cigar maker in the 1887 city directory
- Henry is listed as a cigar maker in the 1880 census as well as the 1881 and 1887 city directories.
- Bertha and her husband Jacob A. Miller lived at what is now 234 E Broadway before moving to what is now 47 W High St.
- Caroline Keener worked as a cigar maker according to the 1900 census and tobacco steamer in the 1910 and 1920 census. Caroline resided with her parents and then later her brother John.

Miscellaneous Notes

- There is no further information on John Smith, Christian Wagner, H.D. Ford, John Frederick and Calvin Halleman making any further contributions to Red Lion. There are too many John Smith’s to be able to identify which one might be recorded here. There is record of a Christian Wagner being born in 1865, but he is also listed in the 1880 census in York City living with his parents. It may be the same person since they are both cigar makers, or it could be 2 separate people with the same occupation. No further information was found on H.D., John or Calvin