

Doctor Francis Joseph Pfeiffer and his Descendants

I. 1. DOCTOR FRANCIS JOSEPH PFEIFFER, a native of Germany, was born May, 1734.* Volume XVII of the "Pennsylvania Archives," Second Series, page 375, contains the following reference to his arrival in America :

"List of foreigners imported in the Ship Phoenix, Capt. Reuben Honer, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, England. Qualified Nov. 22, 1752."

The name of "Frantz Joseph Pfeiffer" appears in the list of passengers.

Concerning Dr. Pfeiffer's marriage there are contradictory statements. His Bible, in possession of Miss Mary Matilda Bryant, of Philadelphia, a great-granddaughter, contains a record written in German, and which, translated, is as follows :

"The 25th March, 1756, Anna Margaretha Beckerin was given to me in marriage."

According to this, which seems conclusive, the name of his wife was Ann or Anna Margaret Becker. We find, however, in the list of marriages published in the "Pennsylvania Archives," Second Series, Volume VIII, page 483, among those celebrated at the Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia, the following :

* Epitaph.