

✚ HOLY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL OVERLOOKING ROBESONIA ✚

YOU MEAN OUR CHURCH ALREADY EXISTED WHEN ALL THIS HAPPENED?!

Christopher Emanuel Schulze was our second Pastor, from 1771-1809.

William Beates was our third Pastor, from 1809-1811.

Notable events during Rev. Schulze's & Rev. Beates' ministry at Heidelberg (what would become St. Daniel's):

- * 1775-1783: The American Revolutionary War
- * 1787: The United States Constitution is written in Philadelphia and submitted to the states for ratification.
- * 1789: George Washington is elected the first President of the United States. Inaugurated on April 30, he serves until 1797.
- * 1791: The United States Bill of Rights is ratified.
- * 1792: The New York Stock & Exchange Board is founded.
- * 1793: Former King Louis XVI of France and his wife Marie Antoinette are guillotined. Louis is executed in January; Marie Antoinette in October.
- * 1796: Edward Jenner administers the first smallpox vaccination; smallpox killed an estimated 400,000 Europeans each year during the 18th century, including five reigning monarchs.
- * 1797: John Adams is inaugurated on March 4 as President of the United States following the 1796 United States presidential election. The peaceful transfer of power from the Washington administration to Adams sets a precedent for relinquishing executive power and transferring it to a new administration.
- * March 4, 1801: Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated as President of the United States and delivered an eloquent inaugural address in the Senate chamber of the unfinished U.S. Capitol.
- * July 4, 1802: The U.S. Military Academy opened at West Point, New York.
- * 1803: The Louisiana Purchase expanded the United States west of the Mississippi.
- * 1803–1815: Napoleon Bonaparte expanded his control over Europe, crowning himself Emperor in 1804 and dissolving the Holy Roman Empire in 1806.

- * 1804: Vice President Aaron Burr fatally shot former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a duel.
- * 1804-1806: Lewis and Clark Expedition - The Corps of Discovery explored the newly acquired Western territory.
- * 1806: Noah Webster published his first dictionary of American English.
- * 1807: Robert Fulton's Steamboat "The Clermont" began service, marking a new era in steam-powered transportation.
- * November 1808: James Madison won the U.S. presidential election, defeating Charles Pinckney.
- * Feb. 12, 1809: Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky.

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† Christopher Emanuel Schulze (also spelled Schultz, Schulz, and Shulze) was our second Pastor, from 1771-1809.

He was born at Probstzell, near Saalfeld, Germany, January 25, 1740. In the summer of 1765 he was ordained at Wernigerode in Germany and immediately began his journey to America. He left Halle on June 22, 1765 and arrived in Philadelphia on October 24, 1765. He was immediately chosen second minister at St. Michael's church in Philadelphia, where Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was the senior pastor. After a residence of 5 years in Philadelphia, he accepted a call from the Tulpehocken charge. He began his trip to the Tulpehocken region in February 1771. He subsequently lived and labored in the region for 38 years.

When Rev. Muhlenberg moved to the church in Trappe, Pennsylvania, in 1784, an effort was made to secure Schulze's return to St. Michael's. After considering the matter, Rev. Schulze thought it his duty to decline the call and remained at Tulpehocken. His duties there were numerous and exhausting and, as a result, his health suffered a gradual decline during his later years. Yet he continued to preach, even after he required help getting into the pulpit. On the last Sunday immediately preceding his death, he preached his last sermon in the parsonage, since he was too weak to go to the church.

Rev. Schulze died on March 11, 1809 at 69 years of age. During his ministry in Berks County, Schulze served the following churches: Christ (Stouchsburg), Reed's (Stouchsburg), Altalaha (Rehrersburg), St. Daniel's (Heidelberg), Zion (Womelsdorf), Friedens or Northkill


(Bernville), Christ Little Tulpehocken, Schaefferstown (very likely Brickerville). He also preached at numerous other places during his years in the ministry.

Rev. Schulze filled the office of Secretary of the Synod for a number of years, was president of the Synod for 2 terms of 3 years each, and, at the time of this death, he was the Senior of the Synod.

He was married in 1766 to Eva Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and granddaughter of Conrad Weiser. Christopher and Eva had 9 children. Rev. Schulze and his wife are buried in the old graveyard at the Tulpehocken (Christ) Church, near Stouchsburg.

John Andrew Melchior Shulze was a son of Christopher and Eva Schulze. He became prominent through social and political involvement. He was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature, serving several terms. He accepted the prothonotary position of the new county of Lebanon in 1813, was elected as a representative to the state legislature again in 1821, became a senator in 1822, and was elected governor in 1823. Shulze Hall, located on the campus of Penn State University, is named in his honor.

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 William Beates was our third Pastor, from 1809-1811.

Rev. William Beates was born on June 14, 1777 in Philadelphia and died in Lancaster on August 17, 1867. His name is found with two other spellings: Betis and Petis. It is believed that Rev. Beates acted as supply Pastor to Heidelberg (St. Daniel's) for the majority of the time between the pastorates of Rev. Christopher Schulze and Rev. Daniel Ulrich.

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What an amazing and enduring history we share!

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Historical details taken from the 'Saint Daniel's Evangelical Lutheran Church "Eck Kirche" 1751-2001' church history book written by the St. Daniel's History Committee in celebration of the 250th anniversary. More detail regarding this topic is found in Chapter 3 - Pastors.

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