



# KUMP FAMILY ROOTS

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## Where Can You Find Us?

You can find us online at [www.kump.org](http://www.kump.org) – Membership is free, although donations are encouraged to further study the family line. We focus research on identifying the ancestors and descendants of John Kump and Barbara Bentzel. Another related resource is [www.bentzel.org](http://www.bentzel.org) where you'll find focused research on Johannes & Maria Sophia Bentzel and their family!!!

## Lydia Kump Found

Lydia Kump is the daughter of Henry Kump and Catherine Beitzel. Based on "Genealogical Reports for the Historical Society of York County: Vol. XVI, pp. 112-23," Lydia was born 16 Feb 1809 and was christened 25 Apr 1819, being listed at Salem Lutheran Church at Dover Township, York County, Pennsylvania. That is all the information we have been able to gather on her, leaving a perplexing question, *was she ever married?*

Our search for any clue came to an abrupt end by utilizing the International Genealogical Index (IGI), an LDS Church online database. The IGI had a listing for her, submitted by a fellow genealogist, marrying a Jonas Stough 8 Dec 1831 at York County. Our search efforts were now directly for entries of either "Jonas Stough" or "Lydia Stough."

Census records were reviewed for these name variations and two were quickly identified: 1) 1850 Census at West Manchester Township, York County, Pennsylvania, "Jonas Stouch," age 46, and "Lydia Stouch," age 41. The names, ages, and location match our sought-for family, with seven children; 2) 1860 Census at West Manchester Township, York County, Pennsylvania, lists "Lydia Stough," age 49, but without her husband. Three of her children are still listed at home. We can surmise from these two records that either Jonas and Lydia had separated by 1860, or more likely, Jonas had

died before that year. No census records were identified for Jonas or Lydia in the 1870 Census.

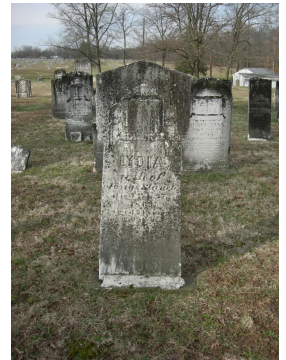
In knowing both heads of family were in West Manchester in 1850, and that Lydia remained there in 1860, but that they were both missing in 1870, this indicates to us that we should search for death or burial records in the area between 1850 and 1870.

The efforts of the Greater Dover Historical Society, specifically with respect to burials research in the Dover and West Manchester Townships is nothing short of fantastic (see [www.gdhspa.org](http://www.gdhspa.org)). Within their burial records was found an entry for Jonas Stauch and Lydia Staugh, both at Strayers Cemetery in Dover Township. The fact that makes Strayers Cemetery such an important find is that both of Lydia's parents were buried in this same cemetery.

A request was dispatched to Stan Reiber, a Bentzel cousin, who personally visited the cemetery in March 2007 to follow-up with digital images of the headstone(s). To the right is the image of her headstone (Thanks Stan). We learned that Lydia died 25 Feb 1863. Lydia's husband, Jonas, preceded her in death, passing away 7 Jul 1859.

As a result of these efforts successful research identified sixty-seven descendants of this marriage. You can view the details by visiting [www.eancestry.org](http://www.eancestry.org) and performing a search for "Lydia Kump" (the one who was born in 1809).

A big thanks to all who help us in this wonderful task of identifying our ancestors and their descendants!



## We Need Your Help

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