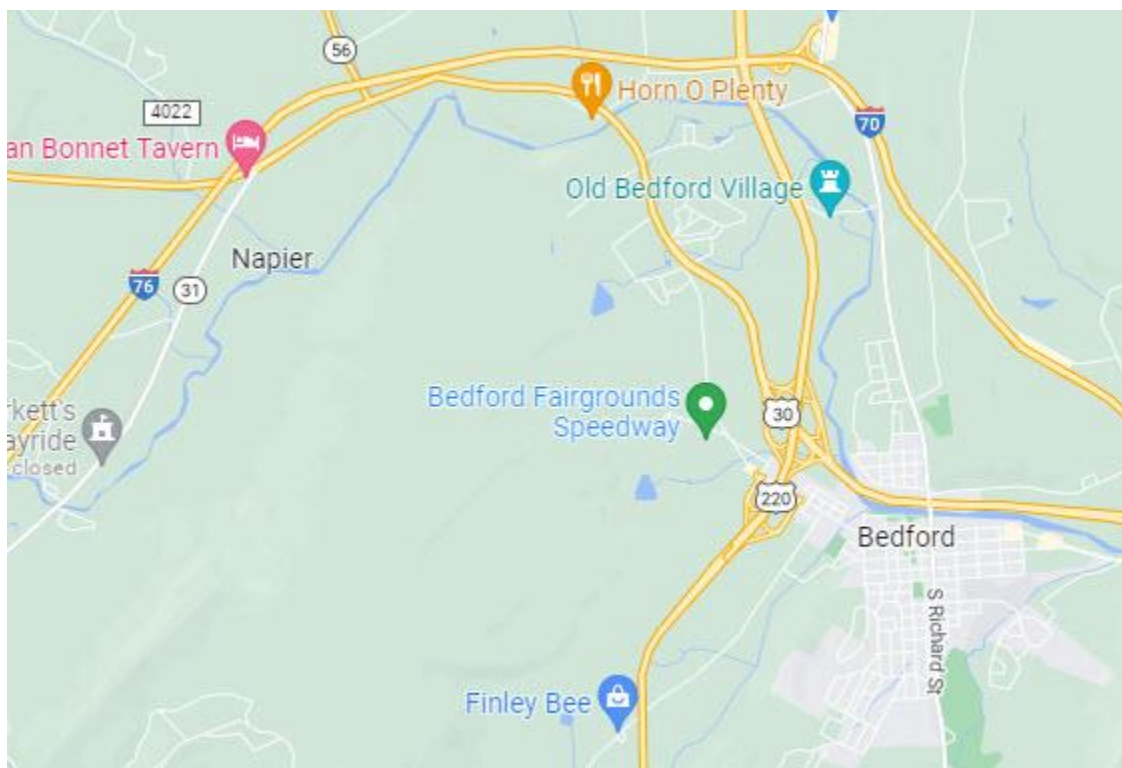


THE LING FAMILY HISTORY

The history of the Ling Family has been traced back to Anthony Ling who with his family came from Darmstadt, Hesse Germany, in the year 1781... in the midst of the American Revolution, which lasted from 1765 to 1783. They landed at Baltimore, Maryland. The family resided for a time in Washington County, Maryland, near Hagerstown, after which they moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Bedford Township, about six miles north of the town of Bedford. There in 1784 Anthony purchased land on Dunning Creek. Dunning Creek is a 27.8-mile-long tributary of the Raystown Branch Juniata River in south west/south central Pennsylvania in the United States. Dunning Creek joins the Raystown Branch just downstream of Bedford. The creek runs thru Napier, up and over then down through Old Bedford Village and then Bedford. The land Anthony purchased was just north of Bedford.



Again in 1794, there is record of the purchase by Anthony of further tracks. (The records of the Bedford County Court House show that Anthony Ling is assessed as a tenant in the year 1788 and in later years as a freeholder, which admittedly does not agree with the last statement. This point needs clarification) His name disappeared from the records about the year 1820, which presumably gives some indication of the date of his death. The only known children of this family were John, Christian, Philip and Peter. However, additional research shows his children in this order... Peter, Margaret, Philip, Maria, Christian, Jacob and Doan... no John. The records of Somerset County show that about the year 1795, Anthony, a non-resident, was assessed with real estate in Shade Township, and that his two sons, Peter and Christian, were assessed as tenants, which would seem to indicate that he had purchased these lands in Somerset County for his

sons. Anthony, is buried about six miles from the homestead where Philip and Christian settled when they went from Bedford to Somerset County. The Ling Cemetery, is about 22 miles west from Bedford.

