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Catholic Church
in Europe

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Franciscans 1413
(St. Francis)

Lutherans 1526
(Martin Luther)

Anglicans 1535
(Henry VIII)

Reformed 1529
(Abel Zwingli)

Evangelical 1807
(Jacob Albright)

Methodists 1734
(John Wesley)

Friends 1654
Quakers
(George Fox)

Church of the Brethren
Dunkers 1708
(Alexander Mack)

United Brethren 1800
Philip Stebbins

Mennonites 1536
(Menno Simons)

6, 1683, Thirteen Mennonite families sailed from Creffield where they had
been employed as weavers. They sailed on the "Concord" which might be
called the Pennsylvania Dutch "Mayflower" & landed at Philadelphia
founded Germantown.

Amish 1693
(Jacob Amman)
Shed & Eye Spectacles

Brethren in Christ - 1770
(Russo Brethren)
(Jacob Eagles)

Reformed Mennonites 1811
(new)
(John Kew)

And others

Peacey Amish
(Wagon)
(Amos Peacey)

Church Amish

Mennonites 1881
(Jenaro Martin)

And others

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Mennonites in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Swiss Brethren or Anabaptists 1527
Conrad Grebel, Felix Manz, George Blaurock

Menas Simons 1536

(A catholic Priest, leader of anabaptists gradually known as Menists
Mennonists & later as Mennonites)

The chief place of refuge was in the Palatinate, just north
of Alsace and on both sides of the Rhine.

Among the first to emigrate to the new world was a
group of mennonites who ^{refuge from England where they had been employed} in 1683 ^{settled} at Germantown
near the city of brotherly love (Philadelphia)

In 1710 a much larger mennonite community, later referred
to as the Paquea settlement marked the beginning of
Lancaster County.

Mennonites were directly involved in the founding
of two other religious denominations in Lancaster namely:

United Brethren

Master Boebm. Mennonite Bishop met
Philip Am Otterbein in Isaac Long's barn
just north of Landis Valley at a revival
in 1767. Ten years later the United
Brethren movement was started in 1777.
He built a chapel on his farm
about 5 miles S. of the village
of Yellow Lk. (Lancaster). Later a
Methodist

River Brethren
Brother in Christ 1862
(Jacob Eagle, Peter Becker)
weaver
Traders in Canada
new Brethren in Christ

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Mennonites + United Brethren +
Brethren in Christ (Truckee)
in Rector Township

It seems that the early families in Welland County were largely Mennonites when they came but later became Brethren in Christ (Truckee) or United Brethren

The first and main center of worship was the church one mile east of Sherketon. It is clear that soon after the deed of property was received in 1828 by the Mennonite minister George Zivity and the deacon Peter Sherk, a log church was erected followed by a brick church in 1859. This was replaced by a cement block structure in 1917.

In 1931 this old Mennonite church was sold to the Brethren in Christ (Truckee) + a new church erected on the old cement block site.

United Brethren in Christ

Ottobach + Bachm met in Isaac Long's barn near Lancaster, Pa. in 1766 at a religious renewal meeting. Ottobach after hearing Bachm preach said, "We are Brethren". On Sept. 28, 1840 in Maryland they united themselves to a society which bears the name "United Brethren in Christ"

In Canada church groups were started in Waterloo + Oxford Counties as well as Niagara District

The start of the work in the Niagara district dates back to the year 1855 when a church at Gander's Chapel, Black Creek under leadership of C. E. Price was organized. Other men taking leadership of work in the district at this early stage are: H. Kropp; A. B. Sherk; + D. B. Sherk

In 1861 there were 4 meeting houses: Young's Cornow Road; Stearnsville; Black Creek + McKennies. The group at McKennies met in the above houses.

Sherketon comes on the scene in 1863. However it was not until 1870 that Sherketon was organized into a church class.

Brethren in Christ (Truckee)

River Brethren (Peter Reifer) ^{Jacob Eagle}

This organization took place about 1770 in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, a short distance from Susquehanna River. Spreading later to other parts of Pennsylvania

Bishop John Wenger came to Canada in 1788 + the Stearnsville church was the first + mother church. It was mostly made up of Wengers, Clementages, Ciders, Barendts etc.