

### 3. Charles and Emma Mattern Kessler

Charles H. Kessler was born in 1867, son of Elias E. and Katherine Kessler. Charles' grandparents, Georg and Eva (Dietrich) Kessler, were German immigrants. Like his parents before him, Charles was a farmer by trade. While still in his teens, Charles married a girl named Hannah Seville. They had a daughter named Maude. Wife Hannah died at an early age of 20 on January 6, 1888.



*Tombstone of Catherine Kessler, Charles' mother.*

Charles' second wife, Emma Mattern, was descendent of one of the original settlers in Schuylkill county. The early Mattern received a 1500 acre grant from William Penn around 1700, and had created farmland from the thick, wooded wilderness of central Pennsylvania. Elias Mattern, Emma's father, was not only a farmer, but was also the town undertaker and blacksmith. Behind the Mattern property was an ice house, used for the preservation of the dead bodies prior in pre-embalming days.



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The photos to the left and below show Charles and Emma Mattern Kessler, as well as Emma's sister Hannah (not to be confused with Charles' first wife) and her husband, John Klinger. Charles and Emma had five children:

Elias	Born Nov. 28, 1904
Mary Viola	Born Oct. 14, 1913
Robert	
Emma	
Dora	