

P is for Palatines. In 1712, refugees from the German Palatinate came to the Schoharie Valley and became its first European settlers. Known as Palatines, they erected 7 dorfs, or villages, along the east side of the Schoharie Creek by 1718. A land dispute and problems with Dutch-American settlers caused many Palatines to leave the valley for a new start north along the Mohawk River or south to Pennsylvania.

