

**APPENDIX B: HOW DO YOU SPELL THAT NAME?**

During the course of my research, I found dozens of different spellings of the name Kerstetter. Some of the variations are obviously the result of sloppy writing or copying errors. Others can be traced to early record-keepers who wrote down the name themselves and guessed at the spelling of what they had heard.

Researchers should be aware of the wide range of possible spellings when searching through old records or using search engines on Internet sites. Conversely, spellings that seem promising don't always pan out. I checked one Indiana reference for a possible variation of Castetter and discovered the actual name was Castate and the family came from Ireland. Perhaps the most profound miscue was a search for a Castator that led to a listing for Maria Alicea Y Puga De Castator in the 1920 census in Puerto Rico.

Some of the many variations I found over the years included the following:

Carstarter	Keasteter
Carstetter	Keestator
Cashetter	Keratetis
Castaleter	Kerslider
Castater	Kersteller
Castator	Kertatter
Castrator	Kesteterr
Costater	Khirstetter
	Kiestetter
Garstetter	Kirchslätter
Gerstater	Kirchstädter
Gestater	Kirchstetter
	Kirschtetter
Herstetter	Kirstätter
Hestater	Kirtseller
Hostetter	Koetanter
	Kretator
Karatetter	
Karstater	Krzteller
Karstetter	Rastetter
Kasteter	Restater
Kastrator	Riestäter
Kearstuter	Rostodor