

## **VII. THE FAMILY OF LEONHARDT AND ELISABETHA**

Leonhardt and Elisabetha had perhaps four sons and four daughters. Leonhardt Jr. remained in Northumberland County and is the forefather of many of the Kerstetters living in the county today. Henry moved to Ontario with his sister Susan and her husband and started a Canadian branch of the family tree. Almost nothing is known about the other children of Leonhardt and Elisabetha and their descendents.

### **Leonhardt Jr. and Susanna Gerhard**

Leonhardt Jr., the oldest son of Leonhardt and Elisabetha, was born about 1767 and married Susanna Gerhard or Gerhart, daughter of Philip Gerhard and Catharine Maurer, in the 1790s. He died in Northumberland County about 1847 at the age of 80.

Leonhardt Jr. and Susanna had six sons and three daughters. All of them were born and died in Northumberland County.

<u>Children</u>	<u>Biographical Information</u> <sup>1</sup>
Hannah	Born July 7, 1795 Married John Reichard or Richard (March 11, 1794- Feb. 19, 1881) Died Aug. 21, 1882
Maria Elisabetha	Born Jan. 22, 1797-May 10 or 18, 1897) Married Joh. Michael Derck (March 21, 1792- Dec. 11, 1868) Died May 10 or 18, 1897
Johannes or John	Born Dec. 6, 1797 or 1798 Married Maria or Polly Frehn or Frey (Feb. 27, 1801-Feb. 27, 1869). Died Sept. 10, 1880
Joh. Philip	Born Sept. 25, 1800 Married (1) Catharine Schleig (1810-); and (2) Catharine Eisenhart (1801-1885). Died Jan. 18, 1884
Georg or George	Born April 22, 1802-Oct. 14, 1889) Married Elisabetha Derck (c.1805-1896) Died Oct. 14, 1889

Leonhardt or Leonard	Born April 28, 1804 Married (1) Barbara Heller or Horner (1810-); and (2) Maria or Mary (March 12, 1801-) Died April 15, 1889
Susanna	Born Sept. 9, 1806 Married Peter Weikel or Weigel (Sept. 16, 1809-Feb. 12, 1873) Died March 29, 1868
Daniel	Born April 27, 1809 Married (1) Elisabeth Eisenhart (Dec. 24, 1815-1857); and (2) Esther Weary (Dec. 10, 1817-Feb. 13, 1898) Died June 5, 1893
Michael	Born Jan. 1, 1813 Married Elisabetha Martz

Early land warrants dated March 27, 1793, show that Leonhardt Jr. had two tracts of land totaling 152¾ acres in the southern part of Northumberland County that he inherited from his father.<sup>2</sup>

Leonhardt Jr. first appears in the federal census records in 1810, where he is listed as a farmer in Upper Mahanoy Township. Family members stayed in the area but were listed in different townships as they were created in later years. The last listing for Leonhardt Jr. is in the 1840 census in Coal Township.<sup>3</sup>

Like his parents, Leonhardt Jr. was one of the early members of Himmel Church. In 1803, he was one of the organizers of St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church, sometimes known as Howarter's Church, in the present-day township of Upper Mahanoy. The family was later associated with St. Peter's Lutheran and Reformed Church in West Cameron Township.<sup>4</sup>

Daughter Maria Elisabetha and sons Johannes, Joh. Philip and Georg were baptized at Himmel Church, and the younger children were baptized at Howarter's Church.

Maria Elisabeth, Johannes, their spouses, and a number of other family members are buried in the old St. Peter's cemetery. Leonhardt Jr. and Susanna are reportedly buried there as well, although many of the stones are inscribed with initials only or have no markings at all.<sup>5</sup>

Carol A. Fisher of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has traced most of the children and grandchildren of Leonhardt Jr. and Susanna and many of the later generations as well.

- Hannah and John Reichard had at least two sons and two daughters, all born in Elysburg in Northumberland County. Hannah and John are buried in St. Peter's (Blue Church) cemetery in Ralpho Township.

Andrew was born May 8, 1822.

Susan was born Dec. 14, 1823.

Eliza was born about 1831.

John was born June 1, 1837.

- Maria Elisabetha and Joh. Michael Derck had two sons. Sometime after her husband's death in 1868, Maria Elisabetha went to live with her nephew Simon Peter and his family and stayed there until her own death at the age of 100.<sup>6</sup>

Elias Derck (1831-1917) married Catharine Kerstetter (1840-1889), a first cousin and daughter of Johannes and Maria or Polly Kerstetter. Elias was living next door to son William and his family in West Cameron Township in 1910.

Israel Derck was born in 1836 and died in 1915. His wife Mary, born about 1844, was living with son Harvey A. and his family in Zerbe Township in 1910.

- Johannes or John was a farmer and a shoemaker in the former Cameron Township and is described this way in the *Genealogical and Biographical Annals of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania*: "Mr. Kerstetter was a leading man among the early settlers in that region. Physically he was tall and slim. He is buried at St. Paul's Church in Cameron township of which church he was a Lutheran member and active in its work, serving in the church council."<sup>7</sup>

Wife Maria or Polly was the daughter of Jacob Frehn and Catharine Richart.

The couple apparently had seven sons and four daughters. John, Solomon and Simon were baptized at Howarter's Church, and all or most of the rest of the children were baptized at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Cameron Township.<sup>8</sup>

After Maria's death, John lived with his daughter Susan Latsha and her family.

John F. or Johannes (Oct. 13, 1819-April 29, 1875) married Absolone or Abbie Kramer (c.1824-1905). After John's death, Abbie lived with her unmarried children. The 1880 census for Cameron Township showed son Henry as the head of the household, Abbie and five other unmarried children. In 1900, Abbie was living with Henry, his wife Matilda Schuyler and their children.

Solomon was born Aug. 12, 1822, and probably died as a child.

Simon (Jan. 17, 1825-March 7, 1904) married Hannah Mauer (May 20, 1825-May 4, 1896), daughter of Philip and Sarah Maurer. Simon served in the Civil War with Company H of the 172nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. He was a mason and a farmer. He and his wife are buried at Emanuel Evangelical Church at Wolf's Cross Road in Rockefeller Township. At the time of the 1880 census, Simon and Hannah were living in Lower Augusta Township with their only child George M., his wife Sarah S. Zimmerman and their children.<sup>9</sup>

Daniel was born March 1, 1829, and probably died as a child.

Susan or Susannah (April 17, 1831-Aug. 9, 1888) married George J. Latsha (April 22, 1826-Feb. 28, 1898). They are buried in the old St. Peter's cemetery.

Isaac was born Jan. 28, 1834, and probably died as a child.

Salome (July 6, 1835-Oct. 5, 1918) married Jacob Weikel (1827-1899). They are buried in the United Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery in East Cameron Township.

Elizabeth or Eliza (Jan. 11, 1838-May 13, 1931) married Daniel Kobel (1827-1901). They are buried in the cemetery at Red Cross.

Catharine (April 30, 1840-Sept. 27, 1889) married Elias Derck (May 23, 1831-March 21, 1917). They are buried in the old St. Peter's cemetery.

Adam F. (Oct. 11, 1842-April 11, 1922) married Salome Derck (Oct. 1, 1841-Feb. 21, 1892), daughter of Esther Weary and Daniel Derck. Adam was married again in 1897 to Amanda Wagner, born about 1851. Adam is buried in the Gospel Hall Cemetery in West Cameron Township, and Salome is buried in the old St. Peter's cemetery.

Abraham (May 11, 1845-Sept. 12, 1936) married Salome Derck's sister Lydia Ann Derck (Jan. 29, 1844-July 25, 1907) on April 2, 1863. Abraham lived on his father Johannes' property in Cameron Township. He was a coal miner and a shoemaker as well as a farmer. The *Annals* said Abraham was a staunch Democrat, an active churchman at St. Paul's and a long-time supervisor of Cameron Township. Abraham is buried in the cemetery on Wolf's Cross Road and Lydia in St. Peter's cemetery.

- Philip was married twice. His first wife Catharine Schleig was born Oct. 29, 1810, and died between 1836 and 1842. His second wife Catharine Eisenhart was born in 1801 and died in 1885. Philip is buried in the Emmanuel Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery in Hunter Station.

Catharine Eisenhart may have been a widowed sister of his brother Daniel's wife Elizabeth Eisenhart. A Catharine Eisenhart was described as the widow of George Stine in court documents filed in 1839 to settle her father's estate.<sup>10</sup>

Philip and Catherine Schleg apparently had five children, and Philip and Catharine Eisenhart had five children.<sup>11</sup> Philip and Catherine Eisenhart and four of their children - Felix, Catherine, George and Mary - were living in Little Mahanoy Township in 1860.

Elizabeth or Eliza was born about 1826.

Savilla E. (1829-1916) married John W. Zimmerman, born about 1817. They were living in Gregg Township of Union County in 1870.

Robert A. (1832-1896) married Elizabeth Gass (1839-1916).<sup>12</sup> They were living in Shamokin in 1880.

Adam (1836-1890) married Savilla Fagley (1835-1921). After Adam died, Savilla lived with her daughter and son-in-law George W. Fisher and their family in Little Mahanoy Township.

Mary was born about 1836.

Felix E. (1842-April 26, 1920) married Elizabeth Betsy Beachel (Feb. 27, 1848-April 8, 1926). Felix was a veteran of the Civil War. The family was living in Rockefeller Township of Northumberland County in 1900.

Sarah E. or Sallie (1845-1895) married William Neidig, born about 1846. The family was in Shamokin in 1880.

Catharine was born about 1846.

George was born about 1847. He is possibly the George Kerstetter living with his wife Louisa in Elk County, Pennsylvania in 1900.

A second daughter named Mary was born about 1850.

- George married Elisabetha Derck, a sister of his brother-in-law Michael Derck. George was listed as a retired farmer in the 1880 census. He is buried in the cemetery at the United Lutheran and Reformed Church in East Cameron Township.

The couple had four sons and one daughter.<sup>13</sup>

Susannah (April 11, 1827-May 14, 1901) was baptized at Howarter's Church. Susannah married Charles Kramer (Jan. 8, 1827-May 12, 1906). They are buried in the old St. Peter's cemetery.

Daniel D. (Aug. 21, 1829-Oct. 25, 1915) married Lucy Ann Weary (April 3, 1831-Dec. 6, 1899). The couple and their children were living with George and Elisabetha at the time of the 1860 census. Daniel is buried at the United Lutheran and Reformed Church, and Lucy Ann is buried at St. Paul's Lutheran and Reformed Church in Gowen City.

George D. (Sept. 6, 1832-March 5, 1917) married Mary A. Weary (Sept. 1, 1845-March 6, 1933). They are buried in St. Paul's Reformed Church cemetery in East Cameron Township.

Levi D. (Dec. 23, 1836-Nov. 15, 1901) married Susanna or Susan F. Haupt or Houpt (Dec. 31, 1838-Jan. 7, 1914). Levi was a blacksmith. He and Susanna are buried in the United Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery.

Aaron J. (May 11, 1848-Aug. 13, 1915) married Catharine Hingbar (1847-Oct. 28, 1928). They are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Trevorton.

- Leonard's first wife Barbara Heller or Horner was born about 1810 and probably died sometime between 1860 and 1870. The couple was listed in the 1850 census along with a Catharine Raker, born about 1777. Leonard's second wife Maria or Mary is listed with him in the 1870 and 1880 census in Cameron Township. One of the stones in the old St. Peter's Cemetery is for a Mary Kerstetter, wife of Leonard.

Leonard and Barbara had three sons and two daughters.<sup>14</sup>

Salome (Nov. 22, 1832-Nov. 29, 1909) married Solomon Gottshall (1826-1890). They are buried in Shamokin Cemetery.

John was born Feb. 18, 1836, and died young.

Catharine married Daniel Kraemer.

Simon Peter (June 3, 1840-Jan. 26, 1913) was a coal miner. He married Elizabeth Bingaman (Feb. 5, 1843-Dec. 27, 1925) on April 15, 1866. The household in 1880 included Simon Peter's elderly aunt Maria Elisabetha. Simon Peter and his wife are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Trevorton.

Isaac (1844-1927) married Matilda Frahn (1846-1933). Isaac is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Trevorton.

- Susanna and Peter Weikel or Weigel had seven children. They were living Coal Township in 1850. Susanna is buried in the United Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery in East Cameron Township.<sup>15</sup>

Charles Weikel was born about 1834.

Eliza Weikel was born about 1837.

David Weikel (1838-1909) married Lydia Derr (1849-1920).

Susanna Weikel was born in 1840 and died in 1842.

Lydia Weikel (April 9, 1842-Sept. 20, 1921) married Joseph Weary (June 24, 1832-March 7, 1892).

Annette Weikel (June 24, 1845-Feb. 18, 1909) married Philip M. Haupt (May 29, 1845-Feb. 7, 1922).

Peter Weikel was born about 1848.

- Daniel's first wife was Elisabeth Eisenhart, daughter of Johannes Eisenhart and Maria Magdalena Knerr. His second wife was Esther Weary. At different times in his life, Daniel was a sawyer, a coal miner and a laborer.

Daniel and Elizabeth had six daughters. Daniel and all his daughters except Elizabeth are buried in Shamokin Cemetery.<sup>16</sup>

Sarah A. (Nov. 23, 1839-June 14, 1889) married William V. Reed (Aug. 4, 1833-Aug. 16, 1897).

Caroline (Feb. 21, 1840-Feb. 1, 1921) was married to Isaac Shoffner or Schaffner and later Michael Joseph Dooley (Jan. 22, 1841-Jan. 1, 1926).

Catharine or Kate (1844-March 9, 1901) married and later divorced Benjamin Christ.

Eva A. (Oct. 27, 1845-May 13, 1916) married Henry F. or Harry Frahn (May 6, 1844-May 18, 1919) on Oct. 28, 1866. The family was living in Shamokin in 1900.

Emma J. (Aug. 15, 1854-Dec. 20, 1904) married George Krieger (March 12, 1850-Dec. 1, 1905).

Elizabeth C. married Samuel Bolich.

- Michael was a coal miner. He and his wife Elisabetha had seven sons and seven daughters. Maria and Isaac were baptized at Howarter's Church. Elizabeth, Catharine, Charles, Lydia, Jacob and William were baptized at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Cameron Township.<sup>17</sup>

Daniel, Lydia, and William are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Shamokin, Elizabeth, Charles, Jacob, and Harriet are buried in Shamokin Cemetery, and Michael in the United Christian Cemetery in West Cameron Township.

Maria or Mary was born May 21, 1834, and died July 29, 1886. Her husband Jacob Frehn was born in 1827 and died in 1911. The family lived in Venango County in western Pennsylvania.

Isaac was born Aug. 5, 1835 or 1837. He is possibly the Isaac Kerstetter who lived with Sarah and her children in Lower Mahanoy Township in 1880 and 1900 and the widower, living as a boarder in Halifax in Dauphin County in 1920.

Daniel (Oct. 5, 1836-Aug. 2, 1908) married Amanda Rumberger (March 15, 1844-Feb. 18, 1919).

John was born Feb. 16, 1839.

Elizabeth (Oct. 12, 1840-May 27, 1919) married William H. Deitrick (1838-1902).

Catharine was born April 15, 1842.

Charles (Feb. 18, 1844-March 4, 1912) married Abbie Hartline (April 11, 1855-May 21, 1932). Charles was a laborer on the railroad at the time of the 1880 census, and his nine-year-old son Joseph was listed as a slate picker.

Sarah was born about 1846.

Lydia (April 20, 1847-Jan. 1, 1923) married William Culp. Lydia was living with two sons in Coal Township in 1920.

Jacob (Oct. 5, 1849-Aug. 26, 1882) married Elmira Hartline.

Michael (1851-Oct. 21, 1943) married Ellen M. Derck (1852-1943).

Matilda was born about 1854 and probably died as a child.

Harriet (June 23, 1855-Sept. 19, 1938) married Henry K. Marquette (1853-1921). The family was living in Coal Township in 1910.

William was born Oct. 9, 1857 and died Oct. 24, 1931. At the time the *Annals* were published in 1911, he was said to be "out west." He is listed as a widower living with a family as a boarder in Coal Township in 1920.

### **The Canadian Connection**

The Canadian branch of the Kerstetter family probably started about 1800, when two of Leonhardt Sr.'s children moved from Northumberland County to the area just north of Toronto, Ontario. Henry or Heinrich Kerstetter was born about 1779 and was still a minor when his father died in 1790. Henry's guardian John Snider (Snyder or Schneider) married



Susan or Susanna Kerstetter in the early 1790s. All three apparently made the trip to Canada about the turn of the century.<sup>18</sup>

Hinrich Kirchstatter, Johann Schneider, and Mrs. Susanna Schneider were listed as joint sponsors at the very first reported baptism in 1808 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vaughan Township, Ontario, about 20 miles north of Toronto. The church was started by German Lutherans arriving from Somerset County in southwestern Pennsylvania.<sup>19</sup>

German immigrants were among the early residents of Vaughan and nearby Markham townships at the time, and one contemporary account says they were locally known as Dutchmen. A short history of the church prepared by the Ontario Genealogical Society said English was not used in church services and registers at Zion until 1850.<sup>20</sup>

### **Susan Kirchstatter and John Snider**

John and Susan, born about 1771, were probably married in the early 1790s and had two children. Jacob may have been born en route to Canada in 1800, and John Jr. was born in Canada in 1802. Susan died about 1809, and John married a woman named Elizabeth. John's will, dated May 4, 1835, and registered on Jan. 12, 1841, names his four sons, but does not give his wife's name.<sup>21</sup>

<u>Children</u>	<u>Biographical Information</u> <sup>22</sup>
Jacob Snider	Born in 1800 en route to Canada? Married Feronica or Fanny Musselman (c.1801-) on Sept. 16, 1820 Died in 1864 in Vaughan Township, York County, Ontario
John Snider	Born about 1802 in Vaughan Township Married (1) Catherine Keffer (1801-1832); and (2) Anna Maria or Mary Ann Reaman (1807-1872) on May 8, 1832 Died June 10, 1845, in Vaughan Township
Samuel Snider	Born March 2, 1811, in Vaughan Township Died April 23, 1882, in Vaughan Township
Joseph Snider	Born Dec. 10, 1817, in Vaughan Township Married Maria Catharina Stone (Dec. 24, 1818-June 2, 1882) Died Aug. 9, 1861, in Vaughan Township

- Jacob and Fanny had six known children.

John Snider was born about 1821 and died in 1885.

Susannah Snider was born about 1824 and died about 1909.

Elizabeth Snider was born about 1833 and died about 1911.

Henry Snider was born about 1835.

Matilda Snider was born on Dec. 3, 1842.

Lydia Snider was born on April 20, 1847.

- John's will names his brother Jacob, his stepmother Elizabeth and ten children. Four of John's children died young in 1845, perhaps in an epidemic.<sup>23</sup>

Susanna Snider was born in 1823 and died Aug. 23, 1832.

Mary or Maria Snider was born April 9, 1825, and died in 1845.

Margaret Snider was born March 16, 1827, and died in 1845.

Catharina Snider was born Jan. 20, 1829, and died in 1845.

John Snider was born Jan. 21, 1832 and died in 1845.

Barbara Snider was born in 1832 and died in 1911.

Lydia Snider was born in 1834 and died in 1911.

Joseph Snider was born in 1836 and died in 1919.

Joel Snider was born in 1838 and died in 1914. The Zion church record said he died of a stroke.

Nancy Snider was born in 1841 and died in 1878.

Rebecca Snider was born in 1842.

Mary Ann Snider was born in 1844 and died in 1847.

- Samuel Snider apparently had no wife or children. He was listed as a farmer in Vaughan Township in the 1871 Canadian census.
- Joseph and Maria Catharina Snider had seven known children. The Zion church record said Joseph died after being thrown from a buggy.

A daughter was born Dec. 24, 1839, but she was not named in the church baptismal records. She may have been the Susan Snider who married Conrad Schmidt on May 17, 1862.

Daniel Snider was born Sept. 14, 1841.

John Snider was born Nov. 9, 1845.

Joseph Snider was born Jan. 21, 1847.

Isaac Snider was born Jan. 23, 1850.

Rebecca Snider was born Aug. 11, 1853.

Jacob H. Snider was born May 3, 1855.

### **Henry Kirchstatter**

Henry married Anna Maria Keffer or Kiefer in Toronto on July 18, 1809. Anna Maria was born April 14, 1792, to John Jacob and Anna Margaret Keffer. Henry and Anna Maria had five daughters, all baptized at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.<sup>24</sup>

In 1809, Henry received a patent on Lot 1, Concession 6 in Vaughan Township.<sup>25</sup>

After Anna Maria's death about 1825, Henry married Esther Steel Wilson, a widow who was born in 1791. Henry and Esther had three sons and a daughter, and Esther also had a daughter from her previous marriage.

Henry died May 23, 1848, and Esther died April 17, 1865. They are buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

#### Children

#### Biographical Information<sup>26</sup>

Susanna

Born June 3, 1810

Maria or Mary Ann

Born June 4, 1814  
Married George Lilley (Aug. 31, 1810-Aug. 17, 1872)  
on Sept. 25, 1832  
Died June 16, 1909

Sarah Ann

Born Dec. 21, 1818  
Married George Sutton on Dec. 3, 1839  
Died Feb. 1, 1898

Margaret

Born April 19, 1823  
Married John McMullen (1808-Oct. 23, 1882)  
on Feb. 20, 1843  
Died Nov. 27, 1905

Barbara	Born Sept. 24, 1824 Married Andrew Phillips (1816-1876) Died March 6, 1903
Henry	Born June 9, 1827-Feb. 1, 1900) Married Harriet Phillips (1834-March 3, 1893) Died Feb. 1, 1900
Esther	Born about 1830 Married Joseph Stone on April 19, 1849
George	Born Jan. 11, 1835 Married Caroline Manser or Mancer (Aug. 8, 1840- Sept. 15, 1916) on Feb. 9, 1860 Died May 10, 1908.
William Henry	Born May 6, 1837 Married Emma Wilson (April 11, 1842-June 3, 1908) on April 15, 1858 Died in 1924
Joannah Wilson (stepdaughter)	Born July 27, 1822-Sept. 11, 1881) Married John Devins Died Sept. 11, 1881

Henry and most of his family remained in Ontario. Upon his death in 1848, his land in Vaughan Township was divided among his three sons in return for future payments to the estate and annual payments to his widow Esther. Daughters Mary Ann, Sarah Ann and Esther and stepdaughter Joannah Wilson received cash and livestock rather than land.<sup>27</sup>

Ruth Burkholder of Stouffville, Ontario, has traced most of the children and grandchildren of Henry. The family name in Ontario survived only through Henry's son George Castator. George and other family members appear in Canadian census records through 1911. Son Henry had only daughters. Son William Henry and his family later settled in Michigan.

- Susanna was born June 3, 1810.
- Maria or Mary Ann and George Lilley are buried in Gould Cemetery in Lambton County, Ontario, along with two of their sons who died as teenagers. George's will names his three surviving sons and one surviving daughter.

Henry Lilley was married to Henriette Cronkite, according to one IGI record.

John Lilley was probably the John Lilley listed in the 1881 Canadian census in Camden Township, Kent County, Ontario.

George Bates Lilley married Sarah Electa Hanks on June 7, 1888. George was born about 1842, died Sept. 20, 1889, in Lambton County and is buried in Gould Cemetery. Sarah was born Jan. 18, 1857, died Nov. 23, 1909, and is buried in Blackburn Cemetery in Camden Township.<sup>28</sup>

Mary Ann Lilley married a man named Scott.

Cyrus Lilley was born April 25, 1845, and died Jan. 5, 1862.

William Lilley was born Feb. 21, 1848, and died Jan. 3, 1862.

- Sarah Ann and George Sutton had two sons and four daughters. Sarah Ann died at the home of her daughter Margaret and is buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bolton, Ontario.

Ralph Sutton (Sept. 4, 1840-July 3, 1916) married Mary Ann Newton (Jan. 29, 1842-Jan. 1, 1929) on Nov. 28, 1861. They are buried in Pine Ridge Cemetery in Humber Summit, Ontario.

Henry Sutton (Aug. 10, 1842-April 6, 1901) married Emily Phillips (c.1841-Nov. 1, 1914) on July 25, 1865. They are buried in Woodbridge Wes Meth Pioneer Cemetery.

Mary Ann Sutton (1844-) married Michael Hoover on Feb. 26, 1867.

Margaret Sutton (c.1847-July 31, 1917) married John Westlake (c.1844-April 1, 1925) on Oct. 22, 1867. They are buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Matilda or Till Sutton (1851-) married Richard Adams (1852-) on Nov. 7, 1872.

Esther Sutton (1854-) married Joseph Martin (1850-) on Oct. 18, 1876.

- Margaret and John McMullen had five sons and four daughters. The couple is buried in Aurora, Ontario.

Susan McMullen married Jacob McKay.

Joseph McMullen (1843-July 17, 1913) married Eliza Jane Wilson (died Feb. 1, 1901). They are buried in Woodbridge Wes Meth Pioneer Cemetery.

Robert McMullen was born in 1845.

Sarah McMullen was born in 1847.

Henry McMullen (1849-) married (1) Mary J. Cunningham (1852-) on Dec. 23, 1874; and (2) Louisa Williams (1850-) on Dec. 23, 1881.

Thomas McMullen

Margaret McMullen (1857-) married Henry Cousins (1867-) on Dec. 22, 1880.

Hannah McMullen (1857-) and married William Hoiles (1862-) on May 25, 1882.

John McMullen (1859-) married Annie Hoiles (1863-) on Nov. 9, 1881.

- Barbara and Andrew Phillips apparently had only one son.

Louis Phillips moved to the United States and lost touch with the family.

- Henry Castator and Harriet Phillips are buried in Pine Ridge Cemetery with their daughter Harriet. The couple had four daughters.<sup>29</sup>

Esther (c. 1855-Feb. 28, 1907) married (1) John Reilly (1840-June 9, 1884); and (2) John Anthony. Esther died in Buffalo, New York.

Sarah Ann (1861-Feb. 23, 1938) married John Hooper (1860-Sept. 17, 1943) on Oct. 30, 1889. They are buried in Park Lawn Cemetery in Toronto.

Emma Louise (1866-May 11, 1937) married John Wesley Holden (1851-May 9, 1910) on Oct. 17, 1889. They are buried in Park Lawn Cemetery in Toronto.

Harriet was born in 1867 and died Dec. 14, 1886.

- Esther, born about 1830, and Joseph Stone, born about 1826, had one daughter and three sons.

Elizabeth Stone was born in 1850.

Henry Stone was born in 1852.

George Stone was born in 1854.

Joseph Stone was born in 1856.

- George Castator and Caroline Manser or Mancer and eight of their eleven children were living in Vaughan Township at the time of the 1881 Canadian census. The family was originally Lutheran, but some of the children became members of the Congregational, Methodist or Presbyterian churches. George and Caroline are buried in Pine Ridge Cemetery.<sup>30</sup>

William Henry Castator (Jan. 27, 1861-Sept. 17, 1954) married Hannah Topper (April 3, 1862-Aug. 7, 1938) on March 21, 1883. They are buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vaughan.

George T. was born in 1862 and died July 30, 1875, of gangrene.

Joseph Noah (Oct. 18, 1864-Dec. 25, 1943) married Mary Jane Robertson (Nov. 25, 1867-April 11, 1963) on June 21, 1892. The couple later moved to Champion, Alberta.

Melissa J. (1866-1950) married Daniel Donald Whitmore on Sept. 20, 1888.

Caroline Elizabeth (1868-1945) married James William Devins (Nov. 27, 1854-Sept. 9, 1912) on Dec. 14, 1887.

John James (Feb. 20, 1871-May 1, 1934) married Margaret Ellen Robertson (Feb. 6, 1871-June 24, 1956) on Nov. 18, 1891. They are buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Woodstock, Ontario.

Minnie Olive (1873-1943) married Thomas Alexander Tayles on May 25, 1897.

Ida Esther (Dec. 1, 1875-1966) married Thomas Morton Chapman (1869-) on June 15, 1904.

George Thomas (May 1, 1878-1945) married Emma Elizabeth Lawder on April 26, 1911. They are buried in Pine Ridge Cemetery.

Ellen Minettia (May 29, 1880-March 17, 1939) married Edwin Dail Banks (Sept. 10, 1876-Nov. 23, 1942) on Dec. 20, 1899.

Ernest Reeve (June 14, 1883-1966) married Lucy Lavenia Parsons, born Aug. 20, 1887, on Feb. 2, 1910.

- William Henry and Emma Wilson moved to Sanilac County, Michigan, on Lake Huron about 1872, and are listed there under the name Castater in the 1880 U.S. census. They had six sons and six daughters. Daughter Mary or May Esther, born in 1874, was the first of the children born in Michigan. Henry's wife Emma is buried in Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe, Michigan, in nearby Huron County.

Henry (March 9, 1859-April 11, 1923) married Fanny Jane Tackaberry (April 29, 1868-July 23, 1955). The U.S. census for 1880 shows a Fannie Tackelbury and her brother and their stepparents living next to the Castaters. Fanny is buried in Port Sanilac, Michigan. Her obituary appeared in the *Detroit Times* on July 25, 1955.<sup>31</sup>

George William was born in 1861 and died Jan. 7, 1862. He is buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vaughan.

Eliza Ann was born in November 1862 and died Nov. 28, 1862. She is buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vaughan.

William Robert (March 6, 1864-July 25, 1948) married Catherine Penelope Ann McLean (April 6, 1873-Aug. 25, 1953). William Robert is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. His obituary appeared July 27, 1948 in the *Detroit News*.

George (March 13, 1866-June 20, 1950) married Ida Mae Green (March 29, 1878-Oct. 26, 1962) on April 28, 1887. He was a farmer, stock raiser and proprietor of Maple Grove Farm in Sanilac.

Ella Manetta (March 17, 1868-Sept. 9, 1952) married (1) Fred Keaton (March 4, 1862-April 14, 1913) and (2) William H. Greaves (1864-1904).

Emma (June 20, 1870-Aug. 6, 1948) married Jesse Godfrey (Dec. 9, 1873-May 20, 1945).

Minnie Olive (April 24, 1872-) married Albert Godfrey (March 14, 1877-March 9, 1959).

Mary Esther or May (April 11, 1874-June 29, 1955) married Eber Morin (Nov. 16, 1868-January 1960).

Mable J. (March 5, 1879-May 13, 1952) married Arthur Foss.

Fred Wilson (1881-Nov. 23, 1940) married Clarice Johnston. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. He was the city clerk of Detroit and was listed in *Who's Who in Detroit 1935/6*. He was featured in a "Civic Searchlight" article in the *Detroit Free Press* on Nov. 25, 1940.

James Albert or Bert (May 1, 1885-March 9, 1964) married Mina Lawrence (1896-).

- Stepdaughter Joanna Wilson and her husband John Devins are buried in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church cemetery.

### ENDNOTES

1. Information about the children and grandchildren of Leonhardt Jr. and Susannah was provided by Carol A. Fisher of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Additional information about Hannah and her family comes from Ancestry.com. Additional information about Maria Elisabetha and Johannes and their spouses comes from tombstone inscriptions from the old St. Peter's Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery compiled in 1990 by Donald and Nancy Boyer. Johannes' tombstone says he was born in 1797, while Himmel Church records say 1798.



Other information in the table comes from baptismal records and the *Genealogical and Biographical Annals of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania*, with corrections and additions by later scholars.

2. Land warrants searched by Shirley G. McQuillis of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. See Chapter III for a survey of the tracts.
3. Coal Township was formed in 1837 from Shamokin and Little Mahanoy Townships, which were both larger at the time than they are today.
4. Howarter's Church was on the road between Red Cross and Pitman just west of the county line. The building burned in 1943 and was not replaced on the same site. The cemetery, posted with a sign that says Jacob's Cemetery, is in good condition. The author found no Kerstetter stones there during a visit in 1983.

The old St. Peter's cemetery is on private property about one-quarter mile north of the Lower Road in West Cameron Township. It was restored by church members after years of neglect.

5. Ruth Galon of Seipstown, Pennsylvania, reported recollections by an L. Cora Long that Leonhardt Jr. and Susanna are buried in the old St. Peter's cemetery.
6. Fisher. The *Annals* said Maria Elisabetha died at the home of her nephew, but did not say it was her own home as well.
7. *Annals*. Johannes is buried at St. Peter's Church, not St. Paul's. Cameron Township was split into East Cameron and West Cameron townships sometime after 1880.
8. Information about the children of Johannes and Maria comes from baptismal records, the *Annals*, Fisher, tombstone inscriptions from the old St. Peter's cemetery and census records beginning in 1850.
9. Sarah's obituary in the Sunbury *Daily Item* on April 24, 1948, said she was the daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth Slobig Zimmerman. She was described as one of the town's oldest residents at 94.
10. The names of the Eisenhart sisters appear in Northumberland County Orphan's Court records, Vol. 8, page 236, dated April 2, 1839. A copy was given to the author by Carolyn Taby Larkins of Jersey City, New Jersey.
11. *Annals*, Fisher, 1850 and 1860 census. The *Annals* say Robert and Adam were children of Philip and his first wife Catharine Schleg, and Felix, Mary and Catharine were children by his second wife Catharine Eisenhart. However, assuming that Philip did not marry Catharine Eisenhart before 1839, any children born before 1839 were obviously the children of his first wife. Mary was born about 1836 according to the 1850 census. Adam does not appear with the family in either the 1850 or 1860 census.

Note well that two of the daughters were named Mary. Reports of the names appear in different census years, but there is no doubt about the spelling of the names.

12. Son Robert A. Kerstetter's obituary in the Sunbury *Daily Item* on Dec. 6, 1946, said he was a retired railroad conductor.
13. Baptismal record, Fisher, tombstone inscriptions, Weary family book at the Northumberland County Historical Society in Sunbury, *Annals*. George D., Levi D. and Aaron J. all wrote wills, which are on file in the Northumberland County Courthouse in Sunbury. A photograph of Daniel D. is available at Ancestry.com.
14. Fisher, *Annals*. Simon Peter and Elisabeth's children are named in Elizabeth's will, filed in the Northumberland County Courthouse.
15. Fisher.
16. Fisher, family group sheet at the Northumberland County Historical Society. The names of Daniel and Elizabeth's children appear in the records of Northumberland County Orphan's Court, Vol. 1, pages 399-403, dated Oct. 27, 1897, and provided to the author by Larkins.

The *Annals* state incorrectly that Daniel's second wife was Lusenna Wary. The 1860 census shows a Lucy Ann married to a different Daniel, son of George and Elisabetha.

17. Baptismal records, Fisher, census, *Annals*. Michael was apparently the only son to leave a will.

Photographs of Jacob and Mary Frehn and their family are available on Ancestry.com.

18. At the age of 21, Henry would hardly have made such a long journey to Canada on his own. John Snider was appointed his guardian in 1797 and may have already decided by that time to move north with his wife and Henry.
19. Most of the information about Henry and his family in this chapter comes from "Three Generations of Castators" compiled by Ruth Burkholder of RMB Genealogical Services in Stouffville, Ontario. One of the primary sources was records of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marion Keffer Shoebox Collection No. 1, published by the Toronto branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

The church is located on Keele Street between Rutherford Road and Langstaff Road in the City of Vaughan. Its web site includes a brief history of its founding by Pennsylvania Germans.

On July 4, 2004, a plaque was unveiled at the civic centre in Markham, a nearby community to Vaughan, with the names of 69 Pennsylvania German families who settled in York County prior to 1816. Castator and Snider were among the names on the list. (Penn Pal - The Newsletter of Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, October 2004)

20. *Robertson's Landmarks of Toronto: A Collection of Historical Sketches of the Old Town of York from 1792 until 1837 and of Toronto from 1834 to 1908*, volume 1, page 323, Zion church records.
21. Joseph and some of John's grandchildren are listed in the birth and baptismal records of Zion Church. Burial records did not start until 1819.  
  
Ancestry.com reports that John's second wife was Elizabeth or Betsey Fockler (1782-1835) are not credible. John was still married at the time of his death in 1845. Betsey's burial is reported at the Blue Church near Prescott, Ontario, an area far removed from Toronto.
22. Ancestry.com reports, many of them unsourced.
23. Four of the younger children were baptized at Zion church. An extract of John's will is available on his family tree listing on Ancestry.com.
24. Burkholder. A Jacob Keffer, possibly Henry's father-in-law, was one of the church leaders who came to Canada from Somerset County.
25. Information about the patent was provided by Ralph A. Pugh of Berwyn, Illinois.
26. Burkholder, Zion records. Anna Maria's parents were sponsors at the baptism of Sarah Ann, and John Snider was a sponsor for Barbara.
27. The will, dated Feb. 24, 1847, was provided by Pugh. The family name was recorded as Castedder. Henry did not write the will himself, because he signed it with an "X."
28. IGI records.
29. All marriages except daughter Harriet are listed in *Ontario, Canada Marriages, 1857-1926* on Ancestry.com.
30. *Ontario, Canada Marriages, 1857-1926* on Ancestry.com for all family members except George T. (died young), Melissa J. and Caroline Elizabeth.

The property George inherited from his father remained in the family until it was sold to the Ontario Food Terminal in 1967, according to a story from a Castator

reunion in 1992 posted on Ancestry.com by Dana Flynn-Morris. George's son William and William's son Harkwood later owned the property.

31. Burkholder. The census entry says Fanny was born in Michigan, her older brother William was born in Canada, and both their parents were born in Canada. Stepfather John Roy and his parents were from South Carolina, and stepmother Jane Roy and her parents were from Canada.