

IV. THE FAMILY OF SEBASTIAN AND MAGDALENA

Sebastian and Magdalena had four sons and three daughters. The oldest son Martin, his children, and most of his grandchildren remained in central Pennsylvania. Leonhardt and his family first moved to Centre County, Pennsylvania, and most of them went further west to Ohio. Peter and his family made successive moves to Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, and a few family members went even further afield. One of the sons of Sebastian Jr. and his family remained in central Pennsylvania, and the other wound up in Wisconsin.

Little is known about two of the daughters, Anna Catarina and Anna Margaretha.

Frances (Veronica) and John Miller

Frances or Veronica was born April 9, 1752, and died about 1818. Her husband John Miller, son of Christopher Miller and Margaret Barbara Schuppinger, was born in 1751 and died in 1812. They are buried at Zion Lutheran or Stone Valley Church in Northumberland County.¹

The couple apparently had many children: Mary, Anna, Sophia, John, Peter, Jacob, Christine, Elizabeth and Daniel. Daughter Sophia was born Aug. 2, 1776, and died Oct. 22, 1842, in Upper Paxton Township of Dauphin County. Daughter Mary, presumably Mary Magdalen, was raised by her grandmother Magdalena. Nothing further is known about the other children.

Martin and Elisabetha

Martin was born on March 7, 1754, near Cleona, Pennsylvania. After fighting in the Revolutionary War, he married and started a family. Martin died in 1815 in what is now Snyder County, Pennsylvania. His wife Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Mary Reichard, was born about 1765 and died in Union County, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 7, 1845.²

Martin and Elisabetha had four sons and six or seven daughters. Six daughters lived to adulthood, and there may have been a seventh daughter who died as a child.

<u>Children</u>	<u>Biographical Information</u> ³
Tobias	Born about 1787 Married Susan or Susanna Young (July 20, 1789-Sept. 6, 1879) Died in 1824 in Union County
Simon	Born March 19, 1789 Died Dec. 6, 1859, in Snyder County
Catharine	Born June 19, 1791 Married Abraham Young (1785-1875) Died Aug. 7, 1853

Michael	Born in 1792 Died Sept. 16, 1854, in what is now Snyder County
Sarah	Apparently did not marry
Elizabeth	Married John Eyer
Susannah	Married George Wagner on Feb. 7, 1833
Hannah	Born about 1805 Married John Brown
William	Born May 5, 1807 Died March 17, 1885, in Union County
Barbara	Born about 1812 Married Thomas Reim on May 29, 1834

Martin was one of seven Kerstetters to serve in the war. It's likely he was a private in Capt. Benjamin Weiser's company of the Northumberland County militia. Brother Leonhardt and cousin Adam were also members of that company.⁴

Martin started farming in or near Buffalo Township in what is now Union County and was assessed for 394 acres of land in 1783 and 1784. Sometime between 1800 and 1806, the family moved to Beaver Township, which covered most of the western part of present-day Snyder County at the time.⁵

Martin's will, written in German, was dated June 3, 1815, and filed in the Union County courthouse in Lewisburg on Sept. 1, 1815. Elisabetha and Tobias were the executors of the estate. Elisabetha was to inherit the family farm and raise the children still at home, and she was to get £300 a year if the farm was sold. After her death, the estate was to be divided among the ten children. Simon was given a special bequest at the end of the will: a gray mare and \$30 for a building to keep her in. Later accounts put the value of Martin's estate at \$582.73 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Elisabetha apparently returned to the area where she and Martin first lived. She died in East Buffalo Township on Aug. 7, 1845. Letters of administration were issued on Oct. 7, 1845, and the estate was valued at \$1,372.61. When the estate was finally settled in January 1849, most of the children got \$156.52 $\frac{1}{3}$ each, but William got only \$65.39 $\frac{1}{3}$. There are no court records for Michael or the children of Tobias, but they presumably shared the residual \$211.55 $\frac{1}{3}$.⁶ All the children of Martin and Elisabetha remained in central Pennsylvania, many of them in Lewisburg or areas nearby.

- Tobias and his wife Susan or Susannah lived in Union County near Lewisburg. Susan was the daughter of Jacob Young and Maria Coefer and was born in Hunterdon, New Jersey. She was possibly the sister of Abraham Young, who married Tobias' sister Catharine.

After the death of Tobias, Susan took care of the younger children on her own, but she later moved in with her daughter Sarah and son-in-law John Noll and their children sometime after 1830. Susan died in 1879, and the census mortality schedule for 1880 lists the cause of her death as "feebleness occasioned by old age." She is buried in Dreisbach's Lutheran and Reformed Church Cemetery in Buffalo Township.⁷

The couple had three sons and one daughter born between 1807 and the early 1820s.⁸

Sarah was born on July 21, 1807, and married Jacob Noll. Jacob died sometime before 1860.

John George was born on Dec. 12, 1808, and died on Oct. 19, 1878. His wife Sara L., probably his second wife, was born on May 10, 1828, and died on May 18, 1887. They are buried in Lewisburg Cemetery. George was a farmer, but the family lived in Lewisburg. After his death, the older children still at home worked to help support the family. Margaret was a dressmaker, Sallie worked in a factory, and George was a grocery clerk.⁹

Samuel was born on June 1, 1813, and died July 8, 1884. He married Mary Boone on May 7, 1837, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Mary was born about 1819 and died in March 1898. The family was listed in the 1840 census in Hemlock Township in Columbia County, in Chillisquaque Township in Northumberland County in 1850, in Mottville Township in St. Joseph County, Michigan, in 1860, and back in Northumberland Country thereafter. The couple were active members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milton, Pennsylvania, and their obituaries appeared in the local weekly newspaper *The Miltonian*.

John was born on April 12, 1822, and died Feb. 13, 1913, in Park Township of St. Joseph County, Michigan. John was a blacksmith. He married Mary Elizabeth Rishel, daughter of David R. Rishel and Sarah or Saloma Shook on May 8, 1849. The family was listed next to Samuel and his family in the 1850 census in Chillisquaque Township and thereafter in Michigan.¹⁰

- Simon and his wife Elizabeth lived in West Beaver Township in Snyder County. Elizabeth was born on Aug. 16, 1789, and died on Sept. 13, 1880. Both are buried in St. John's Cemetery in West Beaver Township. Simon left no will, but letters of administration for his estate were issued to sons Daniel and William on Dec. 26, 1859. The couple had six sons and seven daughters born between about 1810 and 1830.¹¹

? Simon (Nov. 1, 1811-Sept. 14, 1879) married Susannah Glass (July 15, 1815-July 27, 1883), daughter of Christian Glass and Anna Gemberling. They are buried in

Shreiner's Cemetery between Selinsgrove and Lewisburg. Two of their sons, John and Samuel, ended up in Iowa, and son Henry lived in Iowa before moving to Oklahoma.¹²

Elizabeth (1819?-1852) married Frederick Fetterolf (April 15, 1818-April 27, 1879) on June 27, 1843. The couple had four children.¹³

Susannah was born about 1829.

Daniel was born about 1830 and apparently did not marry. At the time of the 1860 census, he was living in West Beaver Township with his widowed mother Elizabeth and 14-year old Catharine Fetterolf, presumably one of the children of his late sister Elizabeth. In 1880, Daniel was listed as a farm laborer living with the family of Robert and Catherine Knepp in West Beaver Township. Catherine was another of Daniel's nieces.

William was born on June 10, 1830, died on Oct. 25, 1891, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery in West Beaver Township in Snyder County. He and his wife Leah Speiglmire were married on June 9, 1850. The family was living in West Beaver Township in 1860. In 1880, the family was living in nearby Decatur Township of Mifflin County and included son Levi F. and grandson William H. Pheasant.¹⁴

- Catherine and her husband Abraham Young lived in East Buffalo Township. Abraham was born in New Jersey on July 13, 1785, and died on May 13, 1875. Catherine and Abraham are buried in Dreisbach's cemetery. The couple had six sons and five daughters. After Catherine's death, Abraham went to live with his son Levi and his family and was listed with the family in the 1860 and 1870 censuses. Available IGI records list all the children by name, but do not include the married names of the daughters.¹⁵

John T. Young was born Aug. 10, 1810, and died July 31, 1880, in Buffalo Township.

Samuel Young was born Sept. 18, 1812, and died Oct. 15, 1895, in Pickaway, Ohio. Elizabeth Young was born in 1814.

David Young was born Jan. 17, 1817, and died July 17, 1882. His wife Eliza was born Aug. 21, 1824, and died March 31, 1901.

Sarah Jane Young was born Jan. 7, 1819, and died in 1886 in Macon, Illinois.

Leah Young was born Oct. 30, 1821, and died Jan. 30, 1903, in Lewisburg.

Abraham Young was born Jan. 14, 1824, and died April 7, 1891, in Lewisburg. In 1880, he was living in West Buffalo Township with the family of his nephew John Young.

Levi Young was born March 15, 1826, and died Aug. 16, 1901, in Union County. In 1900, he was living with the family of William King in East Buffalo Township.

Solomon Young was born Aug. 28, 1828, and died Aug. 13, 1900, in Lewisburg. Mary Magdalene Young was born about 1829.

Susan Young was born in 1830 and died in 1915 in Union County.

- Michael and his wife Margaret lived in Jackson Township in what is now Snyder County just south of present-day Union County. Michael, a cooper, died of dropsy in 1854 and is buried in Guiers private burial ground. The couple had four daughters and a son.¹⁶

Mary was born about 1831.

Isaac was born about 1836.

Elizabeth was born about 1839.

Martha was born about 1841.

Barbara was born about 1843.

- Sarah apparently did not marry and remained in Lewisburg.
- Elizabeth married John Eyer and lived in Bald Eagle township in Clinton County.

Census records for 1880 show a John Eyer, possibly a son of the couple, living in Crawford Township in Clinton County.

- Susannah and her husband George Wagner lived in Buffalo Township.
- Hannah apparently remained in Lewisburg after the death of her husband sometime prior to her mother's death in 1845. The 1850 census shows a Hannah Brown, age 45, living in Lewisburg with a 14-year-old also named Hannah and four students, possibly students at the newly opened University of Lewisburg, later Bucknell University.
- William, a cooper, and his wife Mary Ann lived in Union County near Lewisburg. Mary Ann was born on May 3, 1807, and died on June 2, 1874. William and Mary Ann are buried in Dreisbach's Church Cemetery. They had two daughters and two sons.¹⁷

Caroline was born about 1838.

Susan was born about 1842.

Charles W. was born on Sept. 11, 1845, and died on Jan. 12, 1925. His wife Mary Gibonney was born on Sept. 8, 1842, and died on Jan. 26, 1916. They are buried in Lewisburg Cemetery. At the time of the 1880 census, Mary's widowed mother Susanna Gibonney, then age 57, was living with the family in Lewisburg. Charles W. and Mary later lived with their daughter Annie and her husband Charles Walters.

James P. was born on Oct. 14, 1848, died on Feb. 3, 1927, and is buried in Lewisburg Cemetery. At the time of the 1880 census, he was single and living with his widowed father William in Buffalo Township.

- Barbara and her husband Thomas Reim, born about 1809, were living in East Buffalo Township of Union County in 1850 and in Kelly Township of Union County in 1880.

Elizabeth Reim was born about 1836.

Martin Reim was born about 1844.

Leonhardt and Anna Christina

Leonhardt was born on April 12, 1756, near Cleona. After serving in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Benjamin Weiser's company, he married Anna Christina Lenker about 1779. He died in Stark County, Ohio, on Oct. 10, 1822. Christina was born in Pennsylvania in 1760 and died in Stark County on Jan. 16, 1825.¹⁸

The couple had nine children. All of them except Christian, the youngest, were born while the family was living in the southern part of Northumberland County.

<u>Children</u>	<u>Biographical Information</u> ¹⁹
Sebastian	Born Dec. 28, 1779 Married Maria Johnstonbaugh on June 10, 1804 Died in February 1807 in Centre County, Pennsylvania
Leonhardt Jr.	Born Feb. 7 (17?), 1783 Married Maria Elizabeth Schreckengast (Schrecengost?) (May 30, 1781-Dec. 9, 1857) Died May 12, 1869, in Haines Township, Centre County
George	Born Dec. 28, 1785 Died Feb. 2, 1864, in Wood County, Ohio
Joh. Adam	Born March 8, 1788 Married Charity Zettle (c.1786-) Died in Ohio or Indiana after 1840
John	Born in 1791 Married in 1810 to Elizabeth Young (1786-Oct. 7, 1852) Died April 23, 1830, in Stark County, Ohio

Peter	Born Oct. 20, 1794 Married (1) Mary or Polly Young (1794-May 31, 1845); (2) Rosanna Baur (Feb. 21, 1821-1902) on Jan. 4, 1846 Died Feb. 17, 1866, in Stark County
Maria Sarah	Born Nov. 30, 1796 Probably died as a child
Jacob	Born in October, 1801 Married about 1820 to Barbara Harsh (Nov. 21, 1803- March 26, 1863) Died Nov. 30, 1840, in Summit County, Ohio
Christian	Born Jan. 1, 1806, in Centre County Married (1) Isabel Clapper on Aug. 10, 1826; (2) Nancy Barger (c.1815-) on April 19, 1846 Died before 1850 in Ohio

At various times, Leonhardt and Christina were members of Lykens Valley Lower Church or David's Reformed Church near Killinger, Stone Valley Lutheran Church near Hickory Corners, and Saint John's Lutheran Church south of Berrysburg.

Early land warrants dated May 22, 1793, show Leonhardt with 266 acres of land in Northumberland County just north of Pillow and south of Jacob's Ridge. One of the two tracts of land was almost next to Mahantango Creek.²⁰

The family's later history - particularly in Stark County, Ohio - has been superbly documented by Dr. Greg Castetter of Grove City, Ohio, and Dr. Thomas Ellis of Massillon, Ohio.²¹

Leonhardt first took his family to Centre County in 1803. In 1812, he bought land from a Daniel Miller and dammed Penns Creek for a grist mill. John George Morr also built a dam on the creek and flooded Leonhardt's land. Leonhardt threatened to shoot Morr unless he lowered his dam, but the feud ended when Morr bought Leonhardt's land for £350 in May 1813 or 1814. The down payment on the property was probably the seed money that allowed the family to move further west. A genealogy of the Morr family described the cost of the land as fabulously high and said it drove Morr into insolvency during the panic of 1815.

Leonhardt and Christina and their unmarried sons Jacob and Christian set out for Ohio in 1814 with married sons George and Adam and their families. Sons John and Peter and their families joined them in 1816.

The trip to Ohio was made in Conestoga wagons drawn by four-horse teams. The route was 300 miles via Pittsburgh to Canton, Ohio, then by State Road (future U.S. Route 30) to Kendal and the Tuscarawas River ferry crossing near the present Cherry Road viaduct in

Massillon. An Indian trail led from the ferry to Newman's Creek bottom in Lawrence Township in Stark County.

Leonhardt acquired the patents on land in Lawrence Township in the winter of 1814-1815 and bought other land in the fall of 1817. The main attraction of the land was a grist mill and sawmill on Newman's Creek built by William Goudy in 1812.

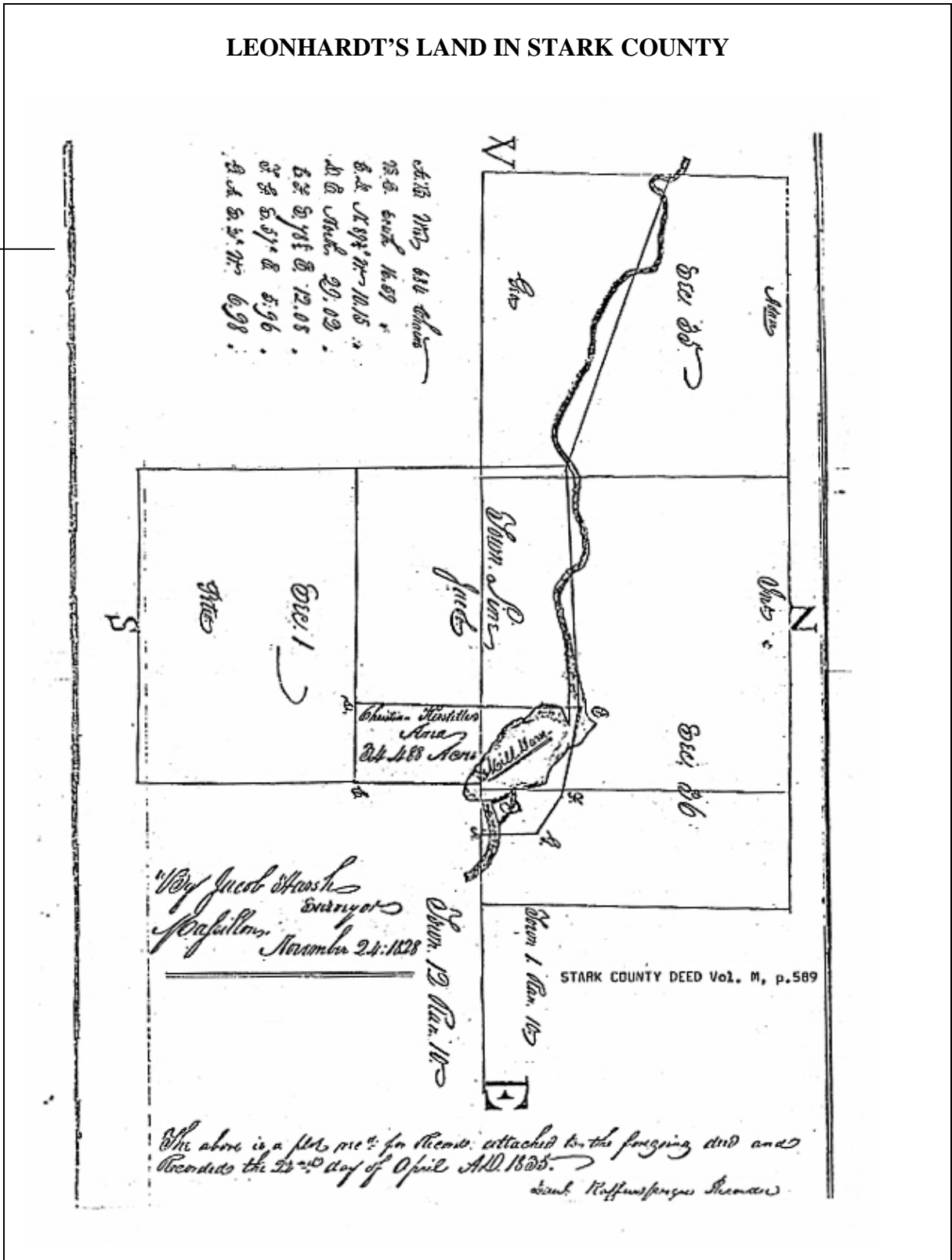
By the time of his death in 1822, Leonhardt had a considerable amount of property, but he was probably land rich and cash poor. His will, dated Nov. 13, 1821, and signed with his mark "K," lists the grist mill and sawmill and more than 527 acres of land valued at about \$7,700.

Christina inherited one-fifth of the income from the mills and other real estate and personal effects. The mills themselves went to the youngest son Christian.²² The rest of the will outlined a complicated series of land transfers and cash payments designed to make sure each of the children got an equal share of the estate. Son Leonhardt Jr. and grandson John, son of Sebastian, were promised cash only since they were living in Pennsylvania at the time. Leonhardt Jr. got a full share of \$1,029.25 and John a half share of \$514.62 when the estate was finally settled.

Leonhardt Sr. and Christina are buried on a plot in the northeast corner of the land inherited by their son John. It was later set aside for the public and now is called Newman Cemetery. A number of other family members are buried there.²³

A great deal is known about most of the children of Leonhardt Sr. and Christina and their families.

LEONHARDT'S LAND IN STARK COUNTY



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By Jacob Hensch
 Surveyor
 November 24: 1828

Nov. 19 Mar. 18

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The above is a plat, etc. for record attached to the foregoing deed and
 Recorded the 22nd day of April A.D. 1828.
 Jacob Hoffmeyer Recorder

Sebastian and his wife Maria Johnstonbaugh were married on June 10, 1804, presumably in Brush Valley Union Church in Rebersburg in Centre County. Sebastian was listed as a single man in the 1801 and 1803 tax lists for Miles Township in Centre County. Like his brother Leonhardt Jr., he was probably a carpenter. Sebastian died in February 1807. Some time after 1822, his widow Maria and their only son Johannes moved to Ohio.²⁴

Johannes was born on Sept. 9, 1805, and baptized at Brush Valley Church. He married Catharine Hershberger on Feb. 14, 1826, in Stark County. Johannes, by then known as John Casteter, founded the village of East Liberty in Summit County, Ohio, and later joined the ministry. He was living in Elkhart, Indiana, at the time of the 1870 census and died June 11, 1878, in nearby St. Joseph County, Indiana.

- Leonhardt Jr. and his family remained in Centre County. His wife Maria Elizabeth Schreckengast was born in 1781 in Germany and died in 1857. Both she and her husband are buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Aaronsburg. They had five sons and seven daughters.²⁵

Leonhardt (March 23, 1802-Aug. 11, 1842) and his wife Sarah Stover remained in Centre County. Sarah and five of the children were listed in the 1850 census in Haines Township.²⁶

Susanna (Jan. 19, 1804-May 8, 1872) married David Neese (Nov. 10, 1794-March 5, 1872). They lived in Centre County and are buried in Heckman Cemetery in Gregg Township.

Catherine (July 29, 1805-Oct. 19, 1854) married Benjamin Morr. The couple later lived in Ashland County, Ohio. Benjamin was the grandson of John George Morr, who had feuded some years earlier with Catherine's grandfather Leonhardt. Benjamin was born in Pennsylvania in 1795 and died of dropsy of the heart in 1870. The *Genealogy of the Morr Family* offered this tribute: "He was universally respected and at his funeral there were seventy-five vehicles in the procession."

Polly or Anna Maria (1807-July 15, 1876) married Jacob Stover (Aug. 22, 1801-March 18, 1882), a brother of Sarah Stover. The family lived in Haines Township in Centre County. In 1870, the couple was living with the family of son William Stover. Polly and Jacob are buried in the Saint Paul Lutheran and Reformed Cemetery in Fiedler, Centre County.

Elizabeth was born Dec. 25, 1808. She and her husband George Braucht remained in Centre County and were living in Penn Township as of 1860.

Twins Lydia and Sarah were born on Jan. 28, 1811. Lydia married John Young, and Sarah married Jacob Rhone (Sept. 1807-March 19, 1853). Both families remained in Centre County. Lydia was still alive when Sarah died on Feb. 24, 1900, not long after their 89th birthday party.

Sarah Rhone ran the family farm from the time of Jacob's death until 1869. She was one of the honored guests at a family celebration on June 13, 1894, hosted by son Leonard Rhone. "Grandmother Sarah Rhone, despite her eighty-four years, sang in a strong sweet voice two stanzas of a German song," the *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania* reported.²⁷

John (Nov. 13, 1813-Nov. 29, 1896) married Anna or Annie Musser (May 7, 1813-June 17, 1891), daughter of Jacob Musser, on March 30, 1835. They lived in Centre County and are buried in Aaronsburg. John was a carpenter and a farmer. He served as a township supervisor, overseer of the poor and school director and was active in the Lutheran Church. "Mr. Kersteter did much hard work in his day and was a well-preserved man," said the *Commemorative Biographical Record*. "In politics he was a Democrat, first last and all the time, having voted that ticket at every Presidential election from Van Buren down." At the time of the 1880 census, John and Annie were living with their son Emanuel and his family in Penn Township in Centre County.²⁸

Jacob was born Feb. 25, 1816, and died in Coburn in Centre County at 21.

Daniel (Feb. 14, 1818-Jan. 18, 1907) and his wife Christiana or Christena Bower (May 23, 1818-Sept. 28, 1906) lived in Loganton in nearly Clinton County. Daniel has been described as the "pioneer blacksmith of Sugar Valley" and was reputed to be the greatest hunter ever to live in the Seven Mountains region. He was the featured subject in "Cave Panthers" in *Penn's Grandest Cavern* and "Running Arks on the Famous Karoondinha" in *Pennsylvania Rafting Days*.²⁹

Samuel (Aug. 29, 1820-Feb. 9, 1910) and his wife Elizabeth Cramer (Nov. 7, 1825-Dec. 17, 1903) moved to Ohio. They were living in Jackson Township of Ashland County in 1870 and Congress Township of Wayne County in 1880 and 1900.³⁰

Mollie married John Nugent and remained in Centre County.

As a young man, Leonhardt Jr. owned a sawmill and built arks each spring to transport flour down the Karoondinha, now Penns Creek, to Selinsgrove on the Susquehanna River. The arks were made of hewed timber, caulked with tar and pitch and topped with boards. They were floated downstream through the Seven Mountains region by crews that each consisted of a pilot, steersman and bowsman. A chapter in *Pennsylvania Rafting Days* by A. D. Karstetter of Loganton described the trips this way:³¹

The trip to Selinsgrove from "The Forks" [Coburn] was made in one day. The arks were sold there and the arks were then manned by other crews and proceeded to Philadelphia. The arksmen who had taken the arks from Coburn to Selinsgrove then returned by night through the Seven Mountains, ready for another trip so that these fleets of arks might be dispatched while the freshet lasted. That was their only outlet to the market with their grain. These men often encountered wolves and panthers on the return trip, but they were of a sturdy character and were ready for any attack.

Leonhardt Jr. later became a farmer. Here's how he was described in the *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania*:

He was very tall, and in his younger days was remarkably powerful, but his long years of toil exhausted his strength, and he died May 12, 1869, literally worn out. In political faith he was a Democrat, and in his active years attended the Lutheran Church, he and his estimable wife both being members.

- George and his wife Sabina (sometimes recorded as Lavina in the records) went west with Leonhardt Sr. in 1814. They moved further west to Holmes Township in Crawford County in 1833 and northwest to Weston Township in Wood County in 1863. George is buried in the McClure Cemetery in Henry County. Sabina was born on April 12, 1790, died on Nov. 2, 1880, and is buried next to George.³²

The couple had three sons and two daughters.

Maria Salome or Sally was born on Nov. 30(?), 1810, and died in 1828. She is buried in Newman Cemetery.

John (Feb. 19, 1813-Aug. 24, 1877) married Barbara Bash (c. 1823-) on Feb. 15, 1840. The couple and their children were living in Holmes Township in Crawford County in 1860.

Mary M. or Molly married John F. Yost on Aug. 10, 1834. The couple lived at various times in Crawford, Wyandot, Henry and Wood counties.

Philip died at the age of 12. He is buried in Newman Cemetery.

Peter (Aug. 27, 1825-May 7, 1917) married Rachel Richmyre (June 19, 1825-March 12, 1908) on March 21, 1860. At the time of the 1880 census, just months before her death, Sabina was living with Peter and his family in Weston Township in Wood County. Peter and Rachel were living in McClure Township in Henry County in 1900.

- Adam Castetter and his wife Charity Zettle moved to Stark County in 1814. They once lived in a log cabin on the site later occupied by Bammerlin's Brewery and were living in Richland County at the time of the 1840 census. They had four sons and two daughters.³³

Charity, possibly Adam, and some of their children moved to De Kalb County, Indiana, sometime after 1840, but before 1855.

Two of the sons were John, who probably died young, and George.

Jacob J. (March 15, 1821-Jan. 27, 1899) married Eliza Seefong (Oct. 21, 1825-Aug. 30, 1894) on June 13, 1847. Jacob was a school teacher apparently nicknamed "The Prof." Eliza was the daughter of John George Seefong and Elizabeth Margaret

Moediner of Württemberg. The couple and seven of their 14 children were listed in the 1880 census in Stark County.

Daniel Casteter or Kerstetter, born about 1826, married Adeline Hoadelmeir, born about 1848, on May 15, 1866, in De Kalb County. They and their two sons were in the 1880 census in Auburn Township in De Kalb County.

Catharine Winslow Thomas Livergood was born about 1828. Her son Henry A. Winslow, born about 1846 out of wedlock, was living with his aunt Lydia and her family in De Kalb County at the time of the 1860 census. Catharine married John M. Thomas in Stark County on Jan. 22, 1852, and after his death married Isaac Livergood in De Kalb County on Sept. 18, 1856. The Livergoods appeared in the 1880 census, with Catharine listed as Mary C.³⁴

Lydia or Liddie, born about 1830, married Uriah Thomas, born about 1832, on April 28, 1855, in De Kalb County. Her mother Charity was living with the family in Union Township of De Kalb County in 1860.

- John was married to Elizabeth Young, daughter of Christian and Catharine Young, who was born in Philadelphia in 1786 shortly after her parents arrived from Germany.³⁵

About the time most of the family was moving west, John stayed behind and enlisted in the Selin's Grove Rifle Volunteers for \$8 a month on Sept. 24, 1814. He was a private in Capt. John Snyder's company and was still on the company muster roll as of Aug. 8, 1815.

John and his family moved to Ohio in June 1816, along with his brother Peter and wife Mary. Mary and Elizabeth were sisters. John and Elizabeth's first home in Stark County was a small cabin on a two-acre tract of land surrounded by forest. The family history written by Castetter and Ellis described the home like this:

Opposite the fireplace were two beds placed end to end - one for the parents, and the other for the children. In one corner was a ladder leading to a loft - under the ladder was stored the vinegar barrel and sole leather was kept under the beds. The cabin was open underneath and "the hogs would get under and rip and right till the whole domicil would tremble."³⁶

John died in 1830 in an accident while working in the fields with his sons. He was hauling rails for a fence with a wagon and team. When the noon horn sounded, the horses started up and the wagon ran over John and crushed his chest. Elizabeth ran the farm with David and the other children until her own death in 1852. John and Elizabeth, their sons Philip and Christian and their daughter Lydia are among the Kerstetters buried in Newman Cemetery.

The couple had six sons and two daughters. One of the sons was born between 1815 and 1820 and apparently died as a child. Philip, John and David were baptized at Aaronsburg Lutheran Church. Most of the children remained in Stark County.

Philip (Sept. 8, 1810-Dec. 1832) married Nancy Sprankle or Ann Spankle on April 5, 1831.

John (Dec. 31, 1813-Nov. 9, 1875) married Lydia Ann Miller (Dec. 23, 1818-April 15, 1893) on Aug. 14, 1836. They are buried in Massillon Cemetery. John was thought to have “consumption” in 1830 and was not fit for farming, so he sold eventually sold his share in the family farm to his brother David. John was a millwright and served as a justice of the peace in Lawrence Township.

David (May 17, 1816-Feb. 9, 1898) married Sarah Weygandt (Nov. 11, 1823-Aug. 31, 1858), daughter of Henry and Martha Weygandt, on Oct. 2, 1842. He married Sarah A. Biller (c. 1839-1904) on Oct. 20, 1859. David worked at various times as a farmer, teacher, school director, tax assessor, and realtor and was described as a “self-reared, self-educated and strong willed” man. He was an active Republican and managed to vote for William Henry Harrison in 1836, even though he was a year too young to vote. He is buried in Massillon Cemetery.

Mary or Polly (May 6, 1819-Nov. 26, 1890) married Daniel Kleckner on March 25, 1838. They were living in Franklin Township of Summit County in 1880.

Daniel (1823-Dec. 23, 1892) married Nancy Ann Tubbs (born about 1831) about 1847. He worked as a ferryman on the Maumee River ferry in Henry County for 30 years until his retirement in 1879.

Christian (April 15, 1825-Sept. 19, 1852) remained single and lived with his mother Elizabeth. He was described as very studious, and his estate contained more than 100 books.

Lydia Anne was born in 1827 and died on Sept. 10, 1829.

- Peter apparently served briefly in the War of 1812 with Capt. Joseph Klackner’s company of the Pennsylvania militia, but his service records had been lost by the time he applied for bounty land in 1856. Peter’s first wife Mary or Polly Young died in 1845 and is buried at Newman Cemetery. On Jan. 4, 1846, Peter married Rosanna Baur, the hired girl in the household. Rosanna was the daughter of George and Christena Abla Baur. She was born in 1921 in Württemberg, Germany and died in 1902. Peter and Rosanna are buried in Massillon Cemetery.³⁷

Peter and Mary had no children, and Peter and Rosanna had three sons and two daughters.

Matilda C. was born Oct. 3, 1846, and married a man named Hartgrove. At the time of the 1880 census, she was living with two sons and her widowed mother Rosanna in Tuscarawas Township in Stark County.

George W. died as a baby in 1848.

Mary E. was born in 1849, married Joseph Chapman and died in 1870.

Peter B. was born about 1852. He and his first wife Rebecca Jane Miller (1857-1894) and their infant daughter Effie were living in Tuscarawas Township near Matilda and Rosanna in 1880. The 1900 census shows Peter with his second wife Eugena.

The third son was David W.

- Jacob was married to Barbara Harsh. In 1839, they bought 200 acres of land in Green Township, eventually part of Summit County. Jacob has been described as “the flower of the family,” a large man weighing 260 pounds with bright gray eyes, ruddy complexion and dark hair. He was said to be pleasant, jovial and a man of good common sense. Jacob and Barbara are buried in the cemetery at Manchester in Franklin Township in Summit County.³⁸

The couple had many children, including several who died in infancy. Anna Christina, who was born Sept. 22, 1832, and died April 11, 1833, and the others are buried near their grandparents Leonhardt Sr. and Christina in Newman Cemetery. There were probably four children who lived to adulthood.

Catharine (Dec. 28, 1825-May 6, 1895) married Joseph Tritt (March 4, 1819-Sept. 4, 1896). They lived in Summit County and are buried in Uniontown Cemetery in Stark County.

Joseph (1829-July 24, 1898) married (1) Margaret Marsh (1828-March 21, 1861) on Oct. 23, 1849. He married (2) Lucetta or Luzetta Wild or Wilde on Dec. 13, 1861, or Jan. 19, 1862. Census records say Lucetta was born in Switzerland about 1841 and immigrated in 1851. The family lived in Green Township in Summit County. After Joseph died, Lucetta went to live with the family of her nephew Clement L. Wilde in nearby Wayne County.

David (born about 1837) married Eliza Herring (born about 1834) on Feb. 17, 1858. The couple and six children were living in Franklin Township of Summit County as of 1880.

William was born about 1839.

- Christian, the youngest son of Leonhardt and Christina, married Isabel Clapper, daughter of Henry Clapper, on Aug. 10, 1826. The couple had two sons and three daughters. Their son John was born about 1829 and died about 1840. Their daughter Elizabeth married Addison E. Gibbs on April 8, 1852.³⁹

Isabel died in the 1840s, and Christian married Nancy Barger on April 19, 1846, in Wyandot County. Christian apparently died before 1850, because the 1850 census in nearby Crawford County lists Nancy, a son John born about 1838 - possibly Nancy's son from a previous marriage - and a son Christian born about 1847. The family was living with John Barger, 68, presumably Nancy's father. In 1880, Nancy was living alone in Wyandot County near her son Christian, his wife Elizabeth and their four children.

Peter and Susannah

Peter Castator, the third son of Sebastian and Magdalena, was born Aug. 24, 1760, near Cleona and died Sept. 28, 1822, in Pendleton County, Kentucky. His wife Susannah or Susan was born about 1776 and died sometime after 1860 in Cumberland County, Illinois.

The couple apparently had one son and seven daughters. Maria Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania and the other children were born after the family moved to Kentucky about 1795.

<u>Children</u>	<u>Biographical Information</u> ⁴⁰
Maria Elizabeth	Born Sept. 11, 1794 in what is now Snyder County
Catharine	Born Feb. 3, 1796 Married Robert J. Yelton Sr. (1785-1834) on March 18, 1823, in Kentucky Died Dec. 18, 1873, in Jasper County, Illinois
Sarah	Born about 1798 Married (1) William Baker (Feb. 5, 1793-Sept. 1, 1850) about 1816 in Kentucky; and (2) Jacob Beaver in 1856 in Iowa Died April 16, 1891, in Myers Falls, Washington
John	Born about 1804 in Campbell County, Kentucky Married (1) Isabella Thornton on Oct. 23, 1831, and (2) Mary A. Crawford on Dec. 8, 1837
Phoebe	Born about 1806 in Campbell County and died in 1854 Married Richard C. Morris on Nov. 22, 1821
Susannah	Born about 1806 in Campbell County
Margaret	Born about 1810 Married James Yelton Jr. on Oct. 15, 1827
Nancy	Born about 1812 Married Lyman J. Chittenden on Sept. 16, 1830, in Shelby County, Indiana

Peter's name appears on the assessment lists of Penn Township in what is now Snyder County between 1785 and 1790 as a single man.⁴¹

The family moved to Campbell County, Kentucky, south of Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1795. Documents needed to settle Sebastian's estate and filed in the Northumberland County courthouse showed they were still living in Campbell County in 1807.⁴²

Most members of the family moved to Indiana and later to states further west. At the time of the 1850 census, Peter's widow Susannah was living with her daughter Nancy and son-in-law Lyman J. Chittenden and their children in Shelby County. In 1860, she was living next door to the Chittendens in Cumberland County, Illinois, with the family of William Cash.

Nothing is known about the later whereabouts of daughters Maria Elizabeth and Susannah.

- Catharine and Robert J. Yelton Sr. moved from Pendleton County, Kentucky - next to Campbell County - to Shelby County, Indiana, before 1830. After Robert's death, Catharine lived with her son Robert and his family and accompanied them to Jasper County, Illinois, sometime before 1860. She later lived with the family of her son-in-law John Dunn.

Catharine is buried in the Hazel Dell Cemetery in Cumberland County, Illinois, and her tombstone uses the last name Castator instead of Yelton.⁴³

Catharine and Robert apparently had four sons and five daughters.

Charles A. Yelton was born Jan. 4, 1824, and died Aug. 20, 1904. He and his wife Mary and their children were living in Crooked Creek in Jasper County, Illinois, at the time of the 1880 census.

Mary M. Yelton was born May 12, 1826, and died May 2, 1921. She married Elias Gerrard on Feb. 14, 1850, in Shelby County. Mary and three children were living in Crooked Creek in 1870.

Robert Yelton was born March 29, 1827, and died July 1, 1907. The family was in Crooked Creek in 1900.

Susan Kathryn Yelton was born in 1828 and died Aug. 23, 1894. She married John Dunn on May 4, 1847, in Shelby County. The family was living in Greenup in Cumberland County, Illinois, in 1880.

Martha Yelton and Catharine Yelton were born about 1834.

Amelia Yelton was born in 1834 and died Dec. 28, 1909. She married John Ward on May 7, 1854, in Jasper County. Amelia and three children were living in Crooked Creek in 1870 next to brother Charles and his family.

There were apparently two other sons born in 1830 and 1832.

- Sarah and William Baker moved from Pendleton County to Shelby County in 1831 and to Page County, Iowa in August 1850. William died shortly after the move. Sarah married Jacob

Beaver in 1856 and was widowed again sometime before 1880. She eventually wound up living with daughter Prudence and her family in Washington State.⁴⁴

Sarah and William had three sons and nine daughters. The older children were born in Kentucky and the three youngest daughters in Indiana:

George Baker (April 10, 1817-March 17, 1884) married Elizabeth or Eliza Hollis on Aug. 23, 1838, in Shelby County. George died in Johnson County, Missouri.

Jane Baker was born Jan. 28, 1819.

Catherine Baker was born March 25, 1821. She married John Updegraff on July 26, 1838, in Shelby County. The family was living in Hendricks in Shelby County in 1860.

Rosanna Baker (Jan. 14, 1823-Nov. 20, 1876) married William Copeland on May 15, 1843, in Shelby County. The family later lived in Lucas County and Taylor County, Iowa.

David Peter Baker (March 24, 1825-Feb. 15, 1885) married Ann Swiggett on April 9, 1846, in Shelby County. The couple and several of their children are buried in Davis Cemetery in East River Township, Page County, Iowa.

Samuel Baker (June 4, 1827-Sept. 16, 1892) married Arthusa Montgomery Stone. The couple lived for a while in Page County, Iowa, but Samuel died in Jewell County, Kansas.

Susanna Baker was born Aug. 8, 1829.

Nancy Baker was born Jan. 19, 1832.

Mary Baker was born Jan. 19, 1834.

Prudence Baker (April 11, 1836-Dec. 12, 1900) married (1) Ezra Mosley on April 4, 1853, in Page County and (2) William Chase on March 24, 1859, in Page County. The family later moved to Washington State.

Sarah Baker was born Aug. 11, 1839. She apparently died as a child, because she was not listed with the family in the 1850 census.

Elmira or Almira Baker was born March 28, 1843, and married Jesse Bridges on June 20, 1858, in Nodaway County, Missouri.

- John and his second wife Mary A. Crawford had two sons and two daughters. They were living in Campbell County, Kentucky at the time of the 1850 census. Their two sons remained in the area for many years at Grants Lick. Neither of the sons had children of their own.⁴⁵

Daughter Jeremina S. was born about 1839.

Daughter Amis S. was born about 1843.

William S. was born about 1846 and was listed as a single man and a farm laborer in the 1870 census.

Son Francis V.M. was born about 1848. He and his wife Susan, born about 1835, appeared in census records as late as 1900.

- Phoebe and Richard C. Morris, born about 1796, had only one known child.⁴⁶

Daughter Mary Jane Morris, born about 1824, married Thomas Bonner.

- Margaret and James Yelton Jr. had two children. Yelton was the nephew of Catharine's husband Robert J. Yelton Sr.⁴⁷

Jame G. Yelton was born about 1828 and died Nov. 3, 1891.

Mary Ann Yelton was born Jan. 11, 1831, and died April 28, 1896. She married Nelson Dunn on April 10, 1851, in Campbell County, Kentucky.

- Nancy and Lyman Chittenden were living in Shelby County, Indiana, in 1850 and Cumberland County, Illinois, in 1860. Chittenden was a millwright and later a farmer. The couple had eight sons and two daughters.⁴⁸

Chittenden died sometime after 1860. Nancy and her youngest son were living in Crooked Creek in Cumberland County in 1870.

Arthur A. Chittenden was born about 1832.

Charles G. Chittenden was born about 1834.

Eden (?) B. Chittenden was born about 1836.

Lydia Ann Chittenden was born about 1838.

William Jefferson Chittenden was born Feb. 13, 1841. He served in the Civil War with the 38th Illinois Volunteers and later worked as a doctor and a pharmacist in Willow Hill, Illinois. He married Sarah J. McCray in 1870. In 1880, the family was living in New Liberty in Jasper County, Illinois.

John W. Chittenden was born about 1842.

George P. Chittenden was born about 1844.

Adrian A. Chittenden was born Dec. 5, 1848. He married Ruth A. Reynolds in Douglas, Illinois on Oct. 14, 1883. The family was living in Arcola in Douglas County, Illinois in 1900.

Lyman D. Chittenden was born about 1851.

Amelia J. Chittenden was born about 1854.

Sebastian Jr. and Catharine

Sebastian Jr., the youngest son of Sebastian and Magdalena, was born on Sept. 24, 1763, near Cleona. His wife's name was Catharine.

<u>Children</u>	<u>Biographical Information</u> ⁴⁹
Elizabeth	Born July 29, 1782, in Northumberland County
Adam	Born Feb. 7, 1791 Married Lydia (June 15, 1797-March 26, 1875) Died Feb. 18, 1853, in Juniata or Perry County, Pennsylvania
Sebastian	Born May 20, 1798 Married (1) Mary Elizabeth Martz (Oct. 11, 1792-Feb. 14, 1860) about 1817; (2) Ruth Booth Stirges; (3) Margaret Paine Hays Died Sept. 28, 1879, in Sauk County, Wisconsin

The family started out in the southern part of Northumberland County and later moved to Greenwood Township just south of present-day Snyder County. The township was part of Mifflin County at the time, but it has been part of Juniata County since that county was formed in 1831.

The 1800 census shows a listing in Greenwood Township for Sebastian, a woman born between 1771 and 1784, and two sons and four daughters born between 1790 and 1800. That suggests that Catharine died before 1800. Sebastian may have married a younger woman, or his daughter Elizabeth may have stayed with him to care for the younger children. The last known record for Sebastian is in the 1820 census.

• Adam appears in census records for Greenwood Township through 1850. After Adam's death and sometime after 1860, his wife Lydia married Joseph Shoop. Adam and Lydia and other family members are buried in Barner's Church Cemetery near Liverpool.⁵⁰

The couple probably had seven sons and six daughters.

Francis was born about 1815.

John was born between 1810 and 1816.

Mary M. or Polly (Aug. 21, 1817-May 19, 1870) married Jacob Bay (March 21, 1811-June 19, 1853). The couple and their children were living next door to Adam and Lydia in Greenwood Township at the time of the 1850 census.

John Henry or Heinrich (Aug. 2, 1819-March 7, 1897) married Leah Dressler (Nov. 1, 1821-Nov. 16, 1883). The family appears in the 1880 census in Susquehanna Township in Juniata County. John Henry and Leah are buried in Barner's Church Cemetery.

Twins Lydia and Verna were born on Sept. 16, 1821.

Peter (Feb. 22, 1825-March 11, 1905) married (1) Elizabeth Zeiders (1827-1874) about 1859 and (2) Elizabeth Graham (April 2, 1844-Nov. 14, 1919) about 1874. Peter was a shoemaker and lived in Liverpool. He and Elizabeth Graham are buried in Barner's Church Cemetery.

Adam was born about 1827. He and his first wife Eliza, born about 1830, and their children are listed in the 1870 census in West Perry Township in Snyder County. Eliza probably died about 1872. Adam, his second wife Mary A., also born about 1830, and children from both marriages were living in Greenwood Township in Perry County in 1880.

James was born about 1830.

Joseph was born about 1832. He and his wife Mary Margaret Zeiders and their children were living in Millerstown in Perry County in 1880 and in Liverpool in 1900.

Nancy was born about 1836. She was living with her widowed mother Lydia in Susquehanna Township at the time of the 1860 census.

Sarah was born about 1840.

Hannah was born in 1841 and died in 1845.

- Sebastian's son Sebastian Karstetter appears in the 1820 census for Greenwood Township under the name Boston. Sebastian and Mary Elizabeth Martz, daughter of Jacob Martz, were married about 1817. Mary Elizabeth was born Oct. 11, 1792, and died Feb. 14, 1860. Sebastian's second wife Ruth was born about 1800 in New York.⁵¹

Census records indicate Sebastian was also married to the widow of William Paine. The 1870 census shows Sebastian and a woman named Margaret, born in Ohio about 1806, living next door to Isaac Paine and his family. Margaret was living with the Paines in 1880. The census identified her as Margreat Karstetter, the mother of Isaac, and says she was divorced.

Sebastian served in the War of 1812. He and his family did an extraordinary amount of travelling starting sometime in the 1820s, and they lived in Ohio and Indiana before they settled in Wisconsin. The family moved to Ohio before 1830, and Sebastian bought 80 acres of land from the land office in Bucyrus, Ohio, on Nov. 25, 1835. The 1840 census shows a Sebastian Kersteen or Kerster and family living in Middletown Township of Delaware County, Ohio. He later bought 40 acres from the land office in Ashland, Wisconsin, on May 15, 1857.⁵²

A Standard History of Sauk County Wisconsin says Sebastian arrived in 1848 and built the first house in Lavalle Township. "It probably was a rude log cabin, as were the dwellings of the pioneers of that early day, but the fact of its construction will always link the name of Karstetter with the early settlement of this section of Sauk County."⁵³

Sebastian and his first wife and several other family members are buried in a private cemetery off Karstetter Road in Sauk County, Wisconsin.⁵⁴

Despite the claim in the *Standard History*, some family members arrived several years before 1848. Son Joseph B. moved to Wisconsin in the mid-1840s, went back to his earlier home in Indiana after the death of his first wife and their young child in 1845, remarried and returned to Wisconsin about 1855 with his new family. Son Samuel apparently arrived in Wisconsin 1847.⁵⁵

Sebastian and Mary Elizabeth apparently had three sons and five daughters.⁵⁶

Leah Lena (Nov. 17, 1818-June 4, 1905) married George Libby or Lippy (April 14, 1812-March 14, 1884) on March 20, 1838. The family later lived in Moniteau Township of Cooper County, Missouri.

Joseph Beaver (March 23, 1820-June 9, 1898) married (1) Sarah B. Williams (Nov. 21, 1822-Jan. 17, 1845) on June 13, 1843, in Fulton County, Indiana; and (2) Mary Jackson (March 31, 1828-Nov. 17, 1900), daughter of Henry and Mary Jackson, on June 21, 1846, in Fulton County. Sarah died from complications of childbirth, and her infant son Bill died less than six months later. Joseph and Mary were married shortly thereafter and were living with two young children in Fulton County at the time of the 1850 census. The family and Mary's parents all moved to Sauk County about 1855. The *Standard History* describes Joseph this way: "He was a vigorous man both in body and mind and survived until 1898. His widow died in 1900. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were Christians in fact as well as in name."⁵⁷

Frances was born in 1822 in Ohio. Her husband Richard Fishback was born Oct. 4, 1819, in Ohio and died June 21, 1868, in Decatur, Iowa. The couple was married on June 11, 1843.

Elizabeth or Betsy, born about 1824, married Jesse Bailey on June 25, 1845, in Fulton County, Indiana.

Samuel S. (1827-July 26, 1863) and Annie Felber (Nov. 12, 1830-Aug. 6, 1911) were married Sept. 4, 1851. Annie was the daughter of Frederick Felber and Barbara Kurmanos. Samuel and Annie and their children were listed in the 1860 census, and Annie and the children in the 1870 census. In 1910, Annie was living with son George, her divorced daughter Amanda Loeser and grandson Edward Loeser.⁵⁸

John, born in October 1829, and Fannie or Franny Felber, born about 1836, were married Aug. 13, 1856. The family was living in Sauk County in 1860, but moved to Moniteau Township in Cooper County, Missouri, sometime before the 1880 census. Fannie apparently died between 1880 and 1900. At the time of the 1900 census, John was living with his daughter Olive Mae Hess, his son-in-law Louis A. Hess and their young son Henry. Next door was a son with the unlikely name of Orange B. and his family.⁵⁹ In 1910, John was living with the family of Jacob S. and Ethel Lee Lippy or Libby. He was listed as an uncle.

Sarah Ann (Aug. 29, 1833-Jan. 20, 1936) married William Rabuck (March 25, 1828-July 4, 1915) on July 8, 1852. William immigrated from Hanover, Germany, in 1848. The couple had eleven sons and three daughters. Son Jonathan S. died in 1870 on the day of his birth and is buried in the Karstetter cemetery. The 1910 census shows William and a woman named Mary, born about 1849, living in Wonewoc Township in Juneau County, Wisconsin.

Abigail Mary (June 10, 1839-Jan. 31, 1875) married John Stead Jr. (Feb. 24, 1826-Feb. 15, 1866) on Feb. 14, 1855. The couple stayed in Sauk County.

ENDNOTES

1. Posting by Jonathan West on the Kerstetter Family Genealogy Forum at <http://genforum.genealogy.com/kerstetter/>. It is not known why only one of the children was raised by Sebastian's wife Magdalena. Information about Sophia was posted on Genealogy.com by Polly Quinn.
2. Elizabeth is identified as a Reichart in Union County deed book A, page 151, recorded May 16, 1814.
3. The children are named in a petition to Union County Orphan's Court on Dec. 17, 1845, to value 81 acres of land in West Beaver Township owned by Elizabeth to settle the estate for themselves and the children of Tobias. See docket book 4, page 49.

Additional information on Tobias and his family came from Joy Kersteter of Vancouver, Washington. Other information came from tombstone inscriptions and other sources cited later with the texts on each of the children and their families.

4. Martin and his cousin Martin both served in the war. Records gleaned from the Pennsylvania Archives show Martins serving under Capt. Benjamin Weiser, Capt. Caspar Weitzel of Sunbury, and Capt. John Moll of Augusta Township. It would seem logical for Martin and his brother Leonhardt to serve in the same unit. See also *Northumberland County in the American Revolution*, edited by Charles F. Snyder.
5. *Early Assessment Records* by Mary Belle Lontz. Buffalo, East Buffalo and Union Townships are located on the Susquehanna River around Lewisburg and to the south. Beaver Township was roughly the same as the four western townships of present-day Snyder County. Snyder County was formed from Union County in 1855.
6. Union County deed book N, pages 229-234.
7. Census listings. Letters of administration for Tobias' estate were issued on June 4, 1824. Susan's tombstone is recorded in *Tombstone Inscriptions of Union County, Pennsylvania*, compiled by Mary Belle Lontz. Additional information from Joy Kersteter.
8. *Early Pennsylvania Births, 1675-1875*, compiled by Charles A. Fisher, lists the baptisms of Salome and John George at Dreisbach's Lutheran and Reformed Church. George was a Lutheran deacon when a newer church was built in 1839. There seems little doubt from the available records that Salome and Sarah were one and the same.
9. *Tombstone Inscriptions of Union County*, census records. Sara was considerably younger than George, hence the suggestion she was a second wife.

A copy of Isaac's obituary, which included a head and shoulders sketch, appears in the State Library of Pennsylvania's collection Pennsylvania Scrap Book Necrology, Volume 16, page 48, 1896, available on-line. The Sunbury *Daily Item* ran obituaries for Isaac's wife Julia on June 23, 1922, Margaret on July 10, 1920, and George on Aug. 27, 1921.

10. Diligent searching by Joy Kersteter led to the confirmation of John as a son of Tobias. An image of his original death certificate was found at www.seekingmichigan.com. Karen Lon of San Diego, California, provided information about Samuel and his family.
11. Census records. *Tombstone Inscriptions of Snyder County*, compiled by George W. Wagenseller, and information from John W. Petro of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Susannah is identified as a daughter of Christian Glass in Union County documents needed to settle her father's estate. See deed book P, page 303.
12. John W. Petro, "Midwest Kerstetter Families," (October 12, 2001). Simon is listed with a question mark because there is circumstantial evidence, but no direct evidence linking him to the rest of the family. Simon's will dated Sept. 24, 1875, names all his children.

13. Snyder County Orphan's Court records filed Sept. 25, 1860, identify Catharine, Mary and Howard Fetterolf as minors under 14 and grandchildren of Simon.

Information about Fetterolf comes from IGI records. The records also report the marriage of another Frederick Fetterolf to a Susan Kerstetter about the same time as Elizabeth's marriage.

14. *Early Pennsylvania Marriages* by Charles A. Fisher, *Tombstone Inscriptions of Snyder County*, census records.

15. IGI records on the family on-line do not provide sources for any of the information.

16. *Union County Death Book, 1852-1855, Tombstone Inscriptions of Union County*. Documents on Michael are stored in the Union County Courthouse on microfiche 1854-25.

Census records for 1850 list the couple and their children under the name Casteter. Margaret may have died before 1860, because daughter Barbara was listed in the 1860 census with the family of Jacob Gundy in East Buffalo Township of Union County.

17. *Tombstone Inscriptions of Union County*, 1850 and 1880 census. The *Sunbury Daily Item* ran son Charles's obituary on Jan. 16, 1925.

18. Dr. Greg Castetter and Dr. Thomas Ellis, "The Ascendants of Joh. Leonhardt Kirstaetter." Records filed with the Daughters of the American Revolution show incorrectly that Leonhardt's birth was in 1747.

The date 4-11-33 on a nearby tombstone has been taken to mean that Christina died on April 11, 1833. However, Ellis says court records show she died Jan. 16, 1825. He says Christina's grave is unmarked and the stone is for granddaughter Anna Christina, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara.

19. Castetter and Ellis and various church records were used to build the biographical table. Additional information comes from applications for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution which are on file at the group's library in Washington, D.C. A dozen applications trace lineages through Leonhardt Jr. or John. Presumably, all the applicants used the same information for the early years.

20. Land warrants searched by Shirley B. McQuillis of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, with locations on a map prepared by John H. Carter of the Northumberland County Historical Society. A copy of the survey made by Clarence H. Bell is on file at the Northumberland County Historical Society.

21. Obtaining a copy of their work was a delight because it contains many hard facts and much local color. The following seven paragraphs are from this source, with a bit from

the *Genealogy of the Morr Family* by Calvin F. Moyer assisted by Miss Mary Morr. The Morr history mistakenly gives Leonhardt's last name as Hostetter.

Why Leonhardt eventually wound up in Stark County, Ohio, isn't known for sure, but part of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment was stationed in the area during the Revolutionary War. Also, Ellis says George Niesz and Michael Reed, two residents of Aaronsburg in Centre County, set out on horseback in 1805 to see the lands in Stark County that were being sold by Congress. They returned for their families and homesteaded in Ohio.

22. According to Castetter and Ellis, Christian sold the mills in 1834 for \$1,800. The mills were destroyed by fire in the early 1880s and there are no ruins that survive. They were located directly west of where Beaumont Avenue crosses Newman's Creek in Lawrence Township. First Street N.E. in Massillon was formerly known as Mill Street and was the route to the mills.
23. *Cemetery Inscriptions of Stark County*, compiled by the Stark County Genealogical Society. Newman Cemetery is on Orrville Road N.W. near Newman.
24. Castetter and Ellis, *History of Centre and Clinton Counties* by John Blair Linn. *Records of Brush Valley Union Church*, edited by Edmund H. and Thera S. Umberger, and IGI marriage record for John and Catherine. Additional information on John was supplied in a letter to the author from Ellis.
25. Information about the children of Leonhardt Jr. and Elizabeth comes from the *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania, Tombstone Inscriptions of Centre County*, Castetter and Ellis, census records, and the records of Aaronsburg Lutheran Church searched in the Pennsylvania State Library by Carol A. Fisher of Harrisburg. Most of the children were baptized at the church. Mollie and Polly may have been nicknames for Maria Magdalena (born July 10, 1807) and Magdalena (born Dec. 20, 1822.) Researchers should note that there were two Jacob Stovers of similar ages living in the county at that time.
26. Information about the family of son Leonhardt is found in the records of Joseph Meiser and Aaronsburg Lutheran Church, both searched by Fisher, and microfiche record #2350 of the court records in Centre County.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Centre County, Pennsylvania, compiled by Mary Belle Lontz, lists a tombstone in the Aaronsburg cemetery for a Leonard Kerstetter Jr., who died at age 68 on Sept. 13, 1875. His relationship to the rest of the family in Centre County is not known.

27. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania*. Sarah Rhone's obituary was published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on Feb. 25, 1900. The newspaper also did a glowing article about the sisters on March 4 - despite the fact that Sarah had died just a few days earlier.

28. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania*, census records. John and Annie's son Jacob was also described in the *Record*.
29. Copies of the articles were given to the author by Ruth Wood of Buckeye, Arizona. The article in *Pennsylvania Rafting Days* includes a picture of Daniel and Christena. Christena's will was recorded in Clinton County will book D, page 531, dated Dec. 31, 1901, and filed Oct. 8, 1902.
30. Census records, Ohio Obituary Index, 1830-2009, on Ancestry.com.
31. *Pennsylvania Rafting Days*, Castetter and Ellis, *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania*.
32. Information on the family of George and Sabina comes from Castetter and Ellis, IGI records and the census.
33. Castetter and Ellis, census records, Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. There were two Jacobs living in the area who could have been sons of Adam and Charity. The one described in the text was the choice of David Kerstetter Sr. (1816-1898) when he wrote a family history for his daughter Marietta.
34. Information from Nickie A. Lehman, census, Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. The references to Mary C. Livergood rather than Catharine aren't seen in the early records for Adam and Charity's family.
35. The information about John and Elizabeth and their children comes from Castetter and Ellis, Aaronsburg church records, Fisher and the census. John's death and a bit of family history are also reported in the listing for David Kerstetter in the *History of Stark County*, edited by William Henry Perrin.
36. The quote within the quote comes from the family history written by David Kerstetter.
37. Information about Peter's family is from Castetter and Ellis, IGI records, census records and Stark County tombstone inscriptions.
38. Castetter and Ellis, census records.
39. Castetter and Ellis, *The History of Wyandot County Ohio*, page 777.
40. Information on the children of Peter and Susannah was pieced together from various records. There was only one Castator family in Kentucky at the time, so all Castators born in the period through 1812 were presumed to belong to this family. Campbell County was south of Cincinnati in Kentucky, and Pendleton County was just south of Campbell County.

Maria Elizabeth was baptized at Botschaft or Grubb's Lutheran and Reformed Church, according to records translated by the Rev. Karl Schild. The sponsor at the baptism was Maria Magdalena Kerstetter, presumably Sebastian's widow.

Information about Catharine and Margaret and their families came from Yelton family records found on-line at <http://homepage.rootsweb.com/~yelton/>. Catharine's marriage was recorded in *Kentucky Marriages 1802-1850*, accessed on Ancestry.com.

Information on Sarah and her family was available on the web page of J.R. Baker Jr. at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/8056/jrbakerjr.htm. Sarah died in 1891, reportedly at the age of 99, but census records suggest she was actually born in 1796 or 1798. The 1850 census says she was born in Pennsylvania, and the 1870 census says she was born in Kentucky.

Marriage records for John and Phoebe came from *Pendleton County Marriages, 1799-1842*, available on-line at RootsWeb.com.

Nancy's marriage is from the Indiana State Library's marriage records 1802-1892 that were found on-line through Ancestry.com.

Other information was provided by Patricia Hutcherson of Northglenn, Colorado and IGI records. None of the IGI records provides supporting evidence about daughter Susannah.

41. Assessment records by Lontz and notes collected by Castetter from state tax lists in the Pennsylvania Archives.
42. Northumberland County deed book O, page 123, dated June 13, 1807, and recorded Aug. 18, 1807, and legal attorney on the following page with the same dates.
43. Yelton family records on RootsWeb.com, census records.
44. Web page of J.R. Baker Jr., census records.
45. Census records.
46. Hutcherson provided information on Phoebe and Richard C. Morris and their daughter.
47. Yelton family records on RootsWeb.com.
48. Information about Lyman and his son William Jefferson is found in an 1884 biographical and historical record entitled *Counties of Cumberland, Jasper and Richland, Illinois*. IGI record for Adrian A., census records.
49. According to *Early Pennsylvania Births*, Elizabeth was baptized at Stone Valley Lutheran Church near Hickory Corners in Northumberland County. Kathy Waddell

supplied information on Sebastian Jr. and his family based on records from the Karstetter family cemetery in Sauk County, Wisconsin. Additional information from Grennan and Mike Nichol of Grass Valley, California.

50. Some birth and death dates come from tombstones at Barner's Church Cemetery near Liverpool. The web site for older tombstones is a project of the USGenWeb Transcription Project and the Perry County Archives and was contributed by Kathy Fisher. The site includes photographs of older tombstones.

Adam's stone spells his last name Karstetor, and Lydia's stone spells it Kastetor. Other stones use the standard Pennsylvania spelling of Kerstetter.

Henry, Lydia and Verna were baptized at Botschaft Church. Birth years for some of the children are from census records.

Diane Gilligan of Fremont, Nebraska, Jean K. Benfer of Shermans Dale, Pennsylvania, Pauline Beers of Sebastian, Florida, and Rich Kerstetter also supplied information about Adam and his family.

51. Waddell, census records.
52. Ohio and Wisconsin land records found on Ancestry.com.
53. *A Standard History of Sauk County Wisconsin* (Chicago and New York: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1918), Volume II, pp. 1075-1076.
54. Waddell. The cemetery is located off Highway 58 and Karstetter Road. It is exactly 1.05 miles down the road on the left hand side, to the right and behind a short grass driveway with a "Posted" sign. There are only a few graves, mostly unmarked, but the records were copied by the Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society in 1975. Waddell visited the cemetery in 2002. The headstones for Sebastian and his first wife Mary Elizabeth are shown on Ancestry.com.
55. *History of Reedsburg (Sauk County, Wisconsin) and the Upper Baraboo Valley*, page 346.
56. Grennan, Nichol, census records. Ruth Wood of Buckeye, Arizona, supplied information on the family's move to Wisconsin and on Joseph B. Karstetter. Daughter Leah Lena was baptized at Botschaft Church. Dates for Sarah and William Rabuck are from IGI records. Joseph's first wife Sarah B. and their son Bill are buried in the Karstetter cemetery.
57. *A Standard History of Sauk County Wisconsin*. The text also has a biographical sketch of Joseph and Mary's son George A. Karstetter.

58. Mike Nichol of Grass Valley, California. George and Amanda later moved to Bellingham, Washington, and were still living there at the time of the 1930 census.
59. Orange B. and his family moved to Tarrant County, Texas, before the 1910 census and were living in Burney Township in Love County, Oklahoma, in 1920 and 1930. Love County abuts the Oklahoma-Texas border.

Joseph F., another son of John and Fannie, moved to Moniteau County, Missouri.