



# JHFA Family Gathering, July 27-28, 2018, Berlin, Ohio

**1. Friday, July 27 Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting: Heritage Community Center, 3558 US 62, Millersburg;**



approx. 3¼ miles northeast of Berlin.  
**Speaker, Gerald Mast,** historian and native of Holmes County, Ohio; "Building a Chair for Jesus and Other Holmes County Stories

From our Genealogy of Faith." Bluffton (Ohio) University, Professor of Communication.

**Music, John Schmid,** local singer, guitarist  
**Meal:** catered by Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen, Mt. Hope; 2 meats, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, pie, roll beverage; vegetarian option; salad and dessert

**2. Saturday, July 28; Family Gathering 8:00 – 2:30, Hiland High & Middle School, Berlin.** 4400 SR 39, Berlin, OH 44610; GPS: 4500 Township Road 367, Millersburg, OH 44654

**Perry Reese Community Center/Gymnasium:**

lobby – registration; gym – vendor displays; general meeting

**Hiland High & Middle School:** Three meeting rooms, Seminars; childcare and children's programming

**Genealogy Resources for Hochstetler Descendants**—Representatives of the Swiss Anabaptist Genealogy Association and the Amish & Mennonite Herit-

age Center will provide hands-on assistance will be offered with queries on family searches. General guidance will be provided for searching family history. Available throughout the day.

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- 9:00 – 11:45 Seminar/Break-out Sessions

- Three sessions, each 45-minutes; three seminars each session (See list of seminars on pages 3-4.)

-12:00 noon, Lunch served, Gymnasium; sack lunches catered by Troyer Country Market.

- 1:15, General Meeting, Reese Center/ Gymnasium

- JHFA business meeting
- Welcome to Holmes County
- Introduction to Amish & Mennonite Culture, Community
- Speaker: David Kline, Amish Bishop, farmer, writer
- Speaker: Jeffery Hochstetler, Associate Pastor, Berlin Mennonite Church
- Invitation to Sunday worship services

- **2:30, Local tours\*** (See below.)

· 5:00 Amish Home Dinners (by reservation)

- Check the JHFA website for info, or call 330-683-0596.



*Perry Reese Community Center at Hiland High & Middle School is the registration point for the JHFA Gathering.*

The hold is assured until June 18 (35 days prior to the Family Gathering).

- **7:30 p.m., Hymn Sing** with local groups, including Amish youth groups, in Pioneer Barn, Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center
  - - ice cream social following singing; homemade ice cream made on site
- \* **Local tour options** planned Friday, Saturday afternoons
- **Behalt at the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center (AMHC).** Behalt tour admission \$7.00; discounted for all Family Gathering registrants
- **Ohio Amish Library** at AMHC; displays of Ausbunds, Martyrs Mirrors; The Budget display
- **German Culture Museum,** Walnut Creek
- **Jonas Stutzman Heritage Sites**
- **Self-Guided Tour Booklet** Places of Interest for Jacob Hochstetler Descendants
- **Amish Industry Tour:** Pioneer (Farm Equipment), Dalton; Lehman Hardware, Kidron; Kidron Sonnenberg Historical Society/Pioneer Village
- **Hochstetler Wood Products:** HW Chair; Four Corners Furniture; Homestead Furniture
- **Hochstetler Log Homes,** Loudonville
- **Weaver Leather,** Fryburg— museum of leather industry
- **Keim Lumber,** Charm—behind the scenes mill tour

### 3. Lodging Options

Berlin offers 500 hotel/motel rooms. In addition, there are more than 25 bed & breakfast facilities or cabins in town or nearby. A block of rooms with discount rates has been negotiated with four facilities marked in bold below.

**Comfort Suites of Berlin** 330-893-7400  
**Berlin Grande Hotel** 330-403-3050  
**Zinck's Inn** 330-893-6600  
**Lodging on the Square** 330-893-6600  
Berlin Resort 330-893-3000  
Berlin Village Inn 330-893-2861  
Guggisberg Swiss Inn 330-893-3600  
Berlin Encore Hotel - opens spring 2018  
- berlinencorehotel.com

**Scenic Hills RV Park** 330-893-3607;  
-112 full hookups; 40 pull-thrus for big rigs; located directly across road from Hiland High School; www.scenichillsvrpark.com  
**Berlin RV Park & Campground;** 330-674-4774; located west of Berlin on SR 39/US 62, about 2 miles; www.berlinrvpark.com

### 4. Travel Options

Berlin is located midway between I-71 and I-77 on Ohio SR 39. It is approximately 85 miles due south of Cleveland and 110 miles northeast of Columbus. Major airline connections are available via Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron-Canton:  
- Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) 70 miles; 1 hr, 30 mins via I-71S, OH SR 83 S

- Columbus International Airport (CMH) 86 miles; 1 hr, 50 mins via I-670 E, US 62 E  
- Akron-Canton Airport (CAK) 42 miles; 55 mins via I-77S, US 30W/OH 93S, US 62W

### 5. Area Information—Restaurants, Shopping, Entertainment

- **Berlin Main Street Merchants;** desktop: www.heartofamishcountry.com;  
- **Holmes County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau;** www.visitamishcountry.com

# JHFA Family Gathering Seminar Offerings, July 28, 2018

## 1. The Life and Times of Elder Joseph

**Hostetler, the Boy Preacher**—*David Kent Coy.*  
Presents known facts about this descendant of Jacob and Christian Hostetler and his family, but with an emphasis on his rise to a founder of many churches across three states and his influence on the early Christian churches. Hostetler was a farmer, doctor, politician/elected official and preacher. He was the father of 11 children through his first marriage, four of whom became medical doctors. His name is found in countless county history books across central Illinois, where he founded many local congregations.

**2. An Undervalued Dimension of the Hochstetler Family Story** —*Ervin Stutzman.*  
The story of Jacob Hochstetler's capture by Indians has been part of our family lore for generations, retold in countless venues. However, relatively little has been said about his sons' interactions with Native Americans. This workshop will highlight the significant difference between Jacob's experiences and that of his two sons, Joseph and Christian, as clearly outlined by William Franklin Hochstetler in the 1912 family genealogy.

**3. The Stutzman Connection** —*Leon L. Stutzman and Loren Johns*

This seminar will provide an overview of the Christian and Barbara Hochstetler Stutzman family: what the primary historical questions are; what we know and what we don't know. It will also track the migration of their children and grandchildren. Their descendants account for approximately half of the Amish living West of the Alleghenies in the U.S. Approximately 90% of Jacob Hochstetler's descendants descend through his daughter, Barbara Stutzman.

**4. Expanding the Hochstetler Family Tree through DNA**— *Darvin Martin*  
Focuses on how to use DNA testing as a means to solve riddles in one's family

tree. We will cover the various options for testing, the different types of tests, the information the tests reveal, and how to interpret that information. Privacy issues will also be addressed. In particular, the presentation will focus on the testing completed among the Hochstetler descendants, what we have learned about the Hochstetler family in regards to this testing, and where additional testing is needed.

Presenter Darvin Martin, Brownstone, Pa., is trained as an analytical chemist and has been interpreting DNA test results since 2008. He moderates the "Mennonite and Amish Immigrants to Pennsylvania DNA Project" through Family Tree DNA, and regularly presents on this topic at family reunions, genealogical conferences and meetings of historical interest.

**5. Der Weiss' Jonas Stutzman Tour** — *Paul V. Stutzman*

A bus tour of area historical sites related to Jonas Stutzman will be guided by Paul Stutzman, author of *Walking Through*, and other personal reflections.

**6. Who Do You Think You Are: Katey Sagal**—*Daniel Hochstetler with DVD of Original Show*

In April 2016, Jacob Hochstetler descendants all across the United States saw a family roots story featuring a West Coast celebrity who was a distant relative. Advance publicity for the popular "Who Do You Think You Are?" show, said, "Katey Sagal is shocked to learn her family's Amish roots, and digs deeper as she realizes the dedication to their faith." Discovering Sagal's Amish ancestry, and especially the 1757 Indian attack, made this a good choice to pursue further. The celebrity is then included in the filming of the actual program and the producers take Sagal to meet people and places where she "discovers" interesting things about her family history she had never known before.

**7. How we Understand Joy; The Joy Factor** — *Jep Hostetler*

In addition to his career as a professor at The Ohio State University, College of Medicine, Jep Hostetler had a second career of inspirational speaking. His presentation on "The Joy Factor" has been offered internationally and throughout the United States, and includes six ideas that influence how we look at life: 1) Life is a gift; 2) Life is sacred; 3) Life is difficult; 4) Life is short; 5) Life is funny; and 6) Life is a spiritual journey. All of his presentations include humor, storytelling and a touch of magic.

**8. The Truth of Historical Fiction** — *Joan Hochstetler*

The co-author of The Northkill Amish series will discuss how to write truthfully about historical accounts when so much is undocumented. What are the truths to be found in fictional presentations?

**9. The German Immigrant Experience in the 18th Century** —*Michael D. Lacopo*

Many of us have German immigrants into Pennsylvania, including Jacob Hochstetler,

but few of us fully understand what it meant to our ancestors. This seminar provides basic knowledge of the sociology behind the immigrant experience. Reviews the sociology and history behind the German immigration to the United States. Provides an introduction to bibliography and sources for further research. Brief overview to documents pertinent to this migration.

Michael Lacopo, Granger, Ind., was born and raised in northern Indiana surrounded by extended family. Intrigued by his family stories, he took to genealogical research in 1980 to substantiate these accounts. In 2013, he retired from his veterinary practice to pursue genealogical research as a profession. His interests and strengths include Mennonite research, German and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to 18th century immigration to America. He has lectured and written widely for numerous periodicals and genealogical conferences.

## PRE-REGISTRATION & MEAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to attend the July 2018 JHFA Family Gathering in Berlin, Ohio.  
\_\_\_\_ Number of Children, ages 6-13 Name(s) & age(s) of child(ren) [ages 6-13:

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to offer for sale or display: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. tables needed (30"x8') \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. July 27, evening meal & program reservation @ \$16.50/person  
\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian alternative required

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. July 28, noon box lunch reservation @ \$6.00 per person  
Sandwich choice, 1 per person: \_\_\_\_ Ham & cheese \_\_ Turkey & cheese \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian  
(Price includes a variety of cold beverages.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total money enclosed. Checks are payable to JHFA, Inc.

**Mail to arrive by July 7 to JHFA, Inc., PO Box 154, Goshen, IN 46527**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, email paulandsherrymiller@gmail.com, or call Paul Miller at 330-683-0596. While pre-registration is not mandatory for the Saturday events, it greatly helps us plan for that day. **However, meals for Friday evening or Saturday noon are available only by pre-ordering and pre-payment before 7/7/18.**