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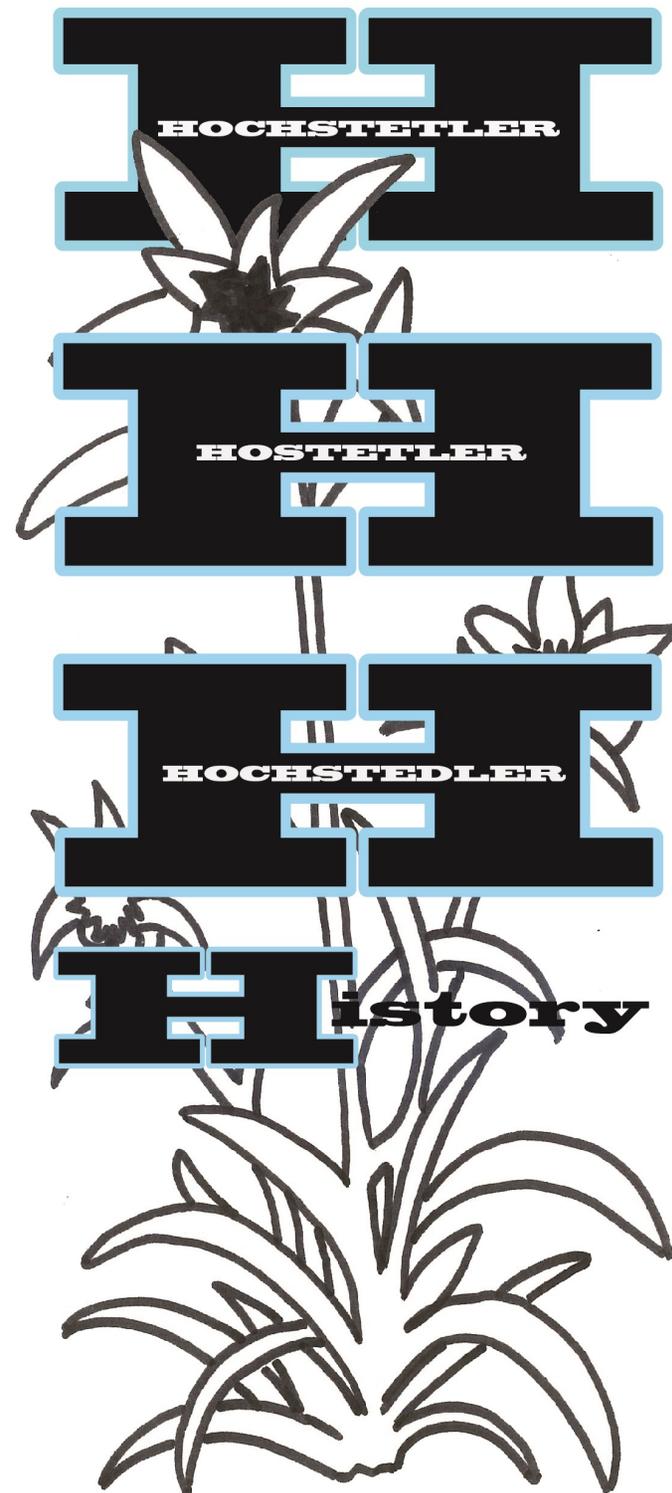
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In August 1987 several Hochstetler descendants in northern Indiana met to consider how to observe the 250th anniversary of the 1738 immigration of our common ancestor, Jacob Hochstetler. A newsletter was initiated to provide a means of communication with our widespread clan and to disseminate information about the Hochstetler family,

One of the mandates of the Jacob Hochstetler Family Association is to sponsor a "GATHERING" every five years so we can share our common heritage. Attendees constitute a unique mixture of those descendants who have not wavered from their Amish and Mennonite roots with those who have adopted other ways and blended with today's modern society. It is always a moving and educational event so make plans to attend our 7th Gathering in 2018!

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Our family's name has had so many spellings that it is difficult to decide the spelling to use. The current Swiss spelling is Hostettler. The pronunciation of our name originally was probably close to the current Pennsylvania German pronunciation, hushtetla, 'hush' rhyming with 'bush' and the 'a' in 'la' sounding like the 'u' in 'up'. Since our family left Switzerland the following are some of the spellings that have been used for our family name: Hochstetler, Hochstedler, Hostetler, Hochstätler Hofstettler, etc. The similar name without the 'l' is not closely related, though there may have been a relationship in antiquity in Switzerland.

Our family originated in Schwarzenburgerland in Canton Bern, Switzerland. One story has the origin in Nydegg near Schwarzenburg around 1349. (See the March 1992 H/H/H Family Newsletter of the Jacob Hochstetler Family Association). The story is that a sole survivor of the 1349 plague from Hostettlen married a sole survivor from Aekenmatt near Nydegg. Since the man came from Hostettlen they took the name of Hostettler. The original word leading to Hostettlen was Hofstatt which means a farm. In Switzerland the 'f' dropped off and 'a' became 'e'.

In 1703 Hans, Christ and Peter Hochstetler were Amish Mennonites living in the valley of St. Marie-aux-Mines in Alsace near Strasbourg. They were among Amish Mennonites who had escaped from Canton Bern. It is here where the name started to be spelled with the 'ch'. There is some speculation that this spelling occurred as French speakers started to spell the name using French values to spell the name as it was spoken, as 'ch' in French is pronounced the way we pronounce 'sh'. Our ancestor Jacob Hochstetler likely emigrated to America from this region in 1738. Jacob

Hochstetler's story is covered in our other brochure available at Spruce Forest in Grantsburg MD. Our Family Genealogy for the sons of Jacob is well covered in the USA up to 1911 in Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler (DJH) by Harvey Hostetler. Daughter Barbara's descendants are covered to 1938 in Descendants of Barbara Hochstedler and Christian Stutzman (DBH) by Harvey Hostetler.

Our ancestor Jacob Hochstetler continued to live in Pennsylvania until his death in 1776, a month before the Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4, 1776. In 1784 John (DJH 2), the oldest son of Jacob, moved his family to Somerset County, PA. (H/H/H Newsletter December 1990) His son John (DJH 1387) had moved earlier, maybe in 1779. In 1812 John's sons, Joseph (DJH 4451) and David (DJH 4161) moved on Westward to Holmes County Ohio. Some of their descendants moved to Lagrange and Elkhart Counties in Indiana and from there westward.

After the release of Joseph and Christian from Indian captivity, Joseph (DJH 6526) at age 68, moved with his wife Anna Blank to Mifflin County where he died at age 70 in 1812. While some of his descendants continued there, others of them began to move westward. Many remained Amish and helped to start churches in Wayne, Holmes and Logan Counties in Ohio. Others of them are now located in Elkhart, Marshall, St. Joseph, and LaPorte Counties in Indiana and McLean County, Illinois, and Reno County, Kansas.

Christian (DJH 7908) married Barbara Rupp and after a dramatic conversion joined the Dunkard Church where he soon became a minister. He first also moved to Somerset county, but by around 1796 he moved with his family to Mt. Eden, Kentucky. After several years he moved on to Montgomery County, Ohio where he died in 1814. His descendants live in Southern Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Central Illinois.



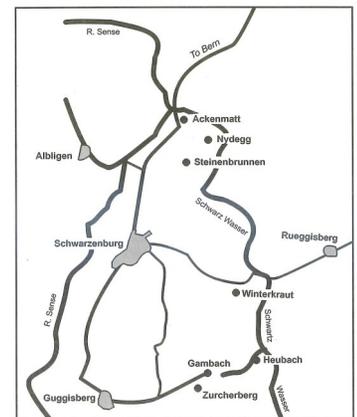
Many of them continue to be members of the Dunkard or Brethren Church,

Jacob's daughter Barbara married Christian Stutzman. Her descendants are recorded in DBH. She has many descendants who can be found throughout the United States.

The descendants of John, Joseph, and Christian continue to increase and the name in its various spellings probably can be found in all states of the United States.

The information given here has been taken from issues of the H/H/H Newsletter and is information mostly assembled by Daniel E. Hochstetler except for the information on the spread of the family which is taken from an article in the Newsletter written by J. J. Hostetler.

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Schwarzenburg, Switzerland