

# HUFFSTUTLER FAMILY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Hostetler (Hostetter, Hochstetler, and many other variations)

Hostetler is a family name occurring frequently among Mennonite Church (MC) Mennonites and Amish in North America. The earliest trace of the name appears in Switzerland, in the town of Guggisberg (canton of Bern) and the neighboring communities of Wahlern and Albligen. According to Christian Lerch, former State Archivist at Bern, all Anabaptist-Mennonites of this name came from this locality, but only a small proportion of the Hostettlers (as it is spelled currently in Switzerland) were Täufer (Anabaptists). The forms Hofstetter and Hostettler originated independently of each other, although the spellings appearing in early records are never consistent; it is a matter of speculation whether both come from the same root, i.e., "orchard." The first syllable of the name was written "Hoch" by those who went to Germany. The long-standing Hochstättlers of Münsterhof in the Palatinate and those in Regensburg in Bavaria trace their ancestry to Jakob, born at Lautenbacherhof near Strasbourg about 1765, and his father Isaak, who died at Neuhof near Strasbourg. Mennonites with this name have become extremely rare in Europe. They have lived chiefly in Bavaria near Regensburg. Two well-known Amish Mennonite preachers were Jacob Hochstättler of Münsterhof of Palatinate, and Peter Hochstetter (1814-1885) of Regensburg, Bavaria.

Jacob Hochstetler (1704-1776), an Amish Mennonite who boarded the English ship Harle at Rotterdam, came to Philadelphia in 1736 with 388 persons from the Palatinate and adjacent places, and settled north of Reading, PA. The family suffered severely from an Indian attack near North Northkill in Berks County, PA in 1757. The story is told in Harvey Hostetler's *Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler*.

## Generation 1

Jacob Hochstatter, b 25 Jul 1701; d after 1750; married Maria Eva Trautman, b 14 Jan 1708; d after 1750

LDS gives this generation as:

### Johann Jacob Hochstattler

birth: 25 July 1701  
Unterauerbauch, Zweibrucken, Germany

death: after 1762  
Pennsylvania or North Carolina

### Maria Eva Trautman

birth: 1 December 1709  
Evangelisch, Lambsborn, Pfalz, Germany

death: after 1750  
Pennsylvania

*Pennsylvania German Pioneers* by Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke--  
Palatines imported in the Ship **Harle**, Ralph Harle, Master, from Rotterdam.  
Qualified September 1, 1736. List A Jacob Hochstettler, 32  
List B Jacob (X) Hofstedler

## Generation 2

John Huffstetler, b 9 Mar 1750, Lancaster Co PA; d 1801/4 [sic, 18 Jan 1804]  
Logan/Barren Co., KY; married Mary, b 1751

LDS gives this generation as: Johannes Hochstattler, 3 Sep 1749/9 Mar 1749; died  
about 1802, Logan Co., KY. Married Eva Whisenhunt, b 30 Nov 1742; died 18  
Mar 1818.

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added this info on an Ancestry message board 18 May 2007:

john hochstattler huffstutler b 9 march 1749/50 lancaster co.

PA. d.18 jan 1804 logan co KY

married 3 times to

mary ?. in tyron co. north carolina

eve catherine whisenhunt m. 17 july 1772 lincoln co, NC. divorced

barbara eaker(agar) m 22 jan 1793 lincoln co KY.

### **Generation 3**

John Huffstutler, b 1780-85, Lincoln Co., NC (age 65, b NC in 1850 census Hamilton Co., IL); d 1860 Hamilton Co., IL—married Elizabeth Roberts, b 1800 TN (1850 census of Hamilton Co., IL her age was 50, b Tennessee)

### **BACKGROUND COPIED FROM ANCESTRY ABOUT ELIZABETH ROBERTS**

#### **• Letter about Linda Johnson Research about Elizabeth Roberts nee Davidson**

• • hi there thank you for your reply, i have been to the library, as well as to other sites on the web,as well as the lds in lexington, the info i have attained has been from these sources , diaries, as well as family bibles etc handed down, in my search i have obtained documentation that supports that she indeed was kidnapped at age 5 by the harp brothers , who were in fact not brothers but cousins,, susan was not her sister but infact another who was also kidnapped they were sent to live with the cherokee indians until they could be "of service" to the harps,approx 12-13 years. elizabeth was never married to either one of the harpesit is agreeded that she was of her own accord a part of the dasterdly deeds performed during this time frame,but it is written that these women were more afraid of the harpes and did more of what they were told to do than anythign else and she did spend time in jail,in standford kentucky as well as danville,in was arraigned on jan 5,1799, and found to be NOT GUILTY.after the deaths of the harps she married john huffstutler she led a productive life, raising the children who were still alive from the harps,(these men killed most of the children that were born) as well as the children of john and her,,i have documentation that supports her maiden name of davidson, her fathers name of john davidson who was a signer of the regulator petition in 1768,whch was fighting the british governor during the late 1760-1770'sshe lived on col anthony butlers plantation in kentucky unntil they moved to illinois,where she lived a full life and was burired there.if you have any othere information that might help me in this search about her father john davidson please replythanks linda

## • **Betsey Roberts/Maria Davidson**

• SOURCE--Excerpts from America's First Known Serial Killers: Big and Little Harp by Doris Lane--printed in Crime Magazine: The Encyclopedia of Crime Big Harp and Little Harp left home as young men in 1775, aiming to become overseers of slaves in Virginia. Career plans diverted by the American Revolution, the Harps became Tory outlaws in a gang that roved the North Carolina countryside, raping farmers' daughters, pillaging livestock and crops, and burning farmhouses. In the attempted kidnapping of one young girl by a Tory rape gang, Little Harp was shot and wounded by local Patriot Captain James Wood.....They soon returned to North Carolina, where they kidnapped Captain Wood's daughter, Susan Wood, and another local girl, Maria Davidson. The kidnapped women would serve as wives to the Harps until the bitter end.

1810 Logan Co Ky Township not listed John Huffstuttar Pg 161 (and wife Betsey (Harp) m.  
1803 5 families living in between Susan Harp Pg 162

1820 Logan Co Ky Russellville John Huffstutler (ancestry pg 28) Susanna Harp (ancestry pg 16)  
Not living with anyone named Roberts--1810 or 1820---

BUTLER, ANTHONY (1787?-1849?). Anthony Butler, lawyer, soldier, and politician, was born in South Carolina, probably in 1787 in Clarendon County, and established a sizable plantation in Russellville, Kentucky. At the outbreak of the War of 1812 he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-eighth United States Infantry, on March 11, 1813. SOURCE--excerpt from "The Private Papers of Anthony Butler," Nation 92 (June 15, 1911). Francis B. Heitman, Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army. His papers are preserved at the Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin.

Betsy Roberts married John Hufstetter and both lived as tenants on Colonel Butler's plantation. They raised chickens for Colonel Butler. Betsy's son by Micajah, Joe Roberts, born February 8, 1799 joined the Army. (real name Maria Davidson) She was the daughter of Col. John and Clarissa Davidson.

HuffStuttler's moved to Hamilton Co IL by 1830. Betsey's son Joseph (Joe) Roberts (Harp) lived in Russellville Co. from 1820-1850 and his wife Lucy and family are still there from 1860 forward.

Susan Harpe also lived on Colonel Butler's plantation. She weaved for a living. Susan's daughter by Micajah, Lovey born March 7, 1799, was beautiful. She had dark skin, black hair, and dark devilish eyes. She also possessed a terrible temper. Susan Harp's real name Susan Wood. Her father was Captain James Wood a Patriot from North Carolina. Apparently both Susan and Lovey had bitter thoughts and finally were driven away, going to Christian County on the waters of the Pond River. Susan died there (Christian Co KY). Lovey went down the Mississippi to Pearl and later to Texas with Colonial Anthony Butler. Source----Frontier serial killers: The Harpes

Sally Harpe (real name Sally Rice) moved back with her Father, Parson John Rice of Knoxville Tennessee. Later in life, she married again.) Wiley fathered one daughter born April 9, 1799. Sally later remarried as well, and like Betsey moved to, or at least through, Illinois. In 1820, the former sheriff of Logan County, Ky., who cared for the women after the death of Big Harpe, saw Sally as they crossed the ferry at Cave-in-Rock. Sally, with her new husband and father in tow, were traveling to their new home. Information from Sarah Tittsworth research.

Children of John Huffstutler and Elizabeth Roberts:

1- John, b 1815 (1850 census age 35), KY; d 5 Mar 1894; married 1833 Susannah Boyd—They were in the 1850 on p 199A, Dist 10, Hamilton Co., IL, #89 John Hufstutter, 35, KY; Susannah, 30, KY; Delila, 17, IL; Elizabeth, 15, IL; Mahala, 12, IL; Artemisia, 10, IL; William, 8, IL; Susannah, 2; IL.

1870 census Hamilton Co IL, p 479, PO McLeansboro #23 Huffstutler, John 68, farmer, b KY; Susan, 55, b KY----#24 Huffstutler, William 24, IL; John H. 16, IL; Martin P., 15, IL [Martin Peter, b 1831/32; d 11 Feb 1891]; Rachel C., 10, IL

The Illinois death certificate of Artimissa Davis, b 13 Feb 1844 Hamilton Co IL; d 19 Mar 1921 McLeansboro, Hamilton Co., IL lists her father as John P. Huffstutler and her mother as Susan Boyd.

2-Sarah, b 1820, KY (1850 census age 30)

3-George, b 1820 (1850 census, age 30 ) KY; m Susannah Stele or Still b 1820 NJ

4-Susannah, b 1825, KY (1850 census age 25)

5-Solomon, b 1819 (1850 census age 31, KY); married Elvira Hunt—Solomon is found living next door to his father in the 1850 census. Solomon age 31, is head of household #86. His family includes: Elvira, 28, VA; Louisa 12, Tenn.; Martha 8, IL; George W., 6, IL; Alexander, 4, IL; Mary Jane, 5/12, IL; Julia A. Hunt, 30, VA; John Hunt 5, IL.

6-Martin, b 1831 (1850 census age 19)

7-Nancy Ellen, b Sep 1832 (1850 census age 18) Hamilton Co., IL; d 8 Apr 1876, Hamilton Co., IL, m Calvin Bennett (b 1830/2, Franklin Co., IL, d 18 Feb 1880 White Co., IL.); married 15 Apr 1853, Hamilton Co., IL. Calvin was the son of Archibald Bennett and Nancy.

8-Edward, b 1837 IL (1850 census age 13)1860 census Hamilton Co IL

Birthdates from the 1850 census p 198B District No Ten, Hamilton Co., IL for the household #87 of John Hufstutter, 50, b NC; Elizabeth, 30, b TN; Sarah, 30, b KY; Susannah, 25, b KY; Nancy, 18, b IL; Martin, 19, b IL; George, 14, b IL; Edward, 13, b IL. Also found on the same page are #86, Solomon Hufstutter, partially on this page the family of #82, George Hufstutter, p 198A

## **Generation 4**

George Washington Huffstuttler, b 1820 Logan Co KY(1850 census age 30); m Susannah Still/Stele, b 1820 NJ

1850 Census Hamilton Co., IL, p 198A District 10; #82 George Hufstutter, 30, KY; Susannah, 30, NJ; Elizabeth, 11, IL; John, 8 IL; Charles, 6, IL; Isaac, 4, IL; Margaret, 2,IL.

1860 Census Hamilton Co., IL, p 145, PO McLeansboro, #926/927, George W.Huffstuttler, 40, KY, farmer; Susanah, 41, NJ; Elizabeth, 19, IL; John 16, IL; Charles, 14, IL; Isaac, 12, IL; Margaret, 10, IL; James 8, IL; Thomas 6, IL; Catharine, 4, IL; Mary, 1, IL; George Huffstuttler, 26, IL, farmer.

1870 Census Hamilton Co., IL, p 478, PO McLeansboro, #11Huffstuller, G. 50, farmer, b KY; Susanna, 52, KY; John, 24, IL; James, 19, IL; Thomas, 15, IL; Catherine, 14, IL; Mary, 12, IL; William R., 7, IL; Sue, 55, (f), KY

Children: [dates from 1850 and 1860 census]

1-Elizabeth, b 1839, IL

2- John, b 1842, IL

3-Charles, b 1844, IL

4-Isaac, b 1846, IL

5-Margaret, b 1848, IL

6-James, b 1852, IL

7-Thomas, b 1854, IL

8- Catharine, b 1856, IL

9-Mary, b 1859, IL

## Generation 5

James L. Huffstutler, son of George Washington Huffstutler, was born 7 Mar 1850, Hamilton Co., IL; d 1 Jan 1926 McLeansboro, Hamilton Co,IL, buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery—married 7 Apr 1873, Elizabeth Bennett, b 23 Apr 1854, White Co., IL; died 20 Jun 1913; daughter of Calvin Bennett and Nancy Ellen Huffstutler

[ref: Illinois death certificate for James Huffstutler and 1880 census Hawthorn, White Co., IL]

Children:

1-Mary Jane, b 1875, IL (1880 census age 5)

2-Calvin Oscar, b 23 Sep 1878, IL (1880 census age 2) ; d Apr 1969 McLeansboro, Hamilton Co IL; m Bertha Ellen Finn

3-Minnie, b 1880 (age 3 1880 census)

4-Anna, m 1) Meisner, 2) Phillips res Mt Vernon IL, 1960

5-Clarence, res Mt Vernon, IL, 1960—b abt 1880, IL (age 20, 1910 census),; married Effie

6-James Huffstutler, b 1 Feb 1883(age 22, 1910 census), Hamilton Co., IL; d 7 Sep 1960 West Frankfort, Franklin Co., IL, wife Odella

1880 census Hawthorne Twp., White Co IL--James Huffstutler, age 30, b IL, father b KY, mother b NJ. ; wife Elizabeth, 25; daughter, Mary Jane, 5; son, Calvin O. 2; daughter, Minnie, 3 mos.; brother-in-law Milton Bennett, 11; brother-in-law John Bennett, 20; sister-in-law Alice Bennett, 11.

NOTE: Elizabeth Bennett's sister Mary Alice Bennett b 1862, White Co IL married William Riley Huffstutler (b 1862 IL; d 1897, buried Mt Nebo Cemetery,

Hamilton Co IL) and they had a son James Washington Huffstutler, b 22 Feb 1887, IL; d 19 Apr 1923, McLeansboro, Hamilton Co., IL. William Huffstutter age 18 b IL, was listed as brother to the head of household Thomas Huffstutter, age 27, and wife Susan in the 1880 census Knight's Prairie, Hamilton Co., IL. William and Thomas' father was born KY and mother NJ. This makes it likely they were children of George Huffstutler and Susannah Stele or Still as shown by the 1870 census for Hamilton Co IL.

DEATH CERTIFICATE: Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947

Name: James Huffstuttler  
Birth Date: Mar 1850  
Birth Place: Hamilton County, Illinois  
Death Date: 2 Jan 1926  
Death Place: McLeansboro, Hamilton, Illinois  
Burial Date: 3 Jan 1926  
Cemetery Name: I O O F  
Death Age: 75  
Occupation: Ret. Farmer  
Race: White  
Marital Status: W  
Gender: Male  
Father Name: George Huffstuttler  
Father Birth Place: Tennessee  
Mother Name: Nancy Stelle [sic, should be Susannah Stelle]  
Mother Birth Place: Tennessee  
Spouse Name: Elizabeth Huffstuttler  
Comments: 75y 10m in this place.  
FHL Film Number: 1504135

Three of the sons of James L. Huffstutler and Elizabeth Bennett are found living next to each other in the 1910 census of Hamilton Co., IL, Dahlgren Twp (ED34)



Household #219 Hufstutler, Clarence, age 20, IL; wife, Effie, 23, b IL; son, Cloyd, 1 5/12, IL

Household #220 Huffstutler, Oscar, 31, IL; wife, Bertha, 29, IL; son, Walter, 7, IL; son, Calvin, 5, IL; Cecil, 3, IL.

Household #221 Hufstutter, James, 22, IL; wife, Nancy, 21, IL; daughter, Mima, 1 ½, IL.

**OBITUARY FOR JAMES HUFFSTUTLER, SON OF JAMES HUFFSTUTLER AND ELIZABETH BENNETT further identifies the members of this family.**

*From:* "Debbie Vietzke" <[dkvietzke@insightbb.com](mailto:dkvietzke@insightbb.com)>

*Subject:* [ILFRANKL] HUFFSTUTLER, James 1883-1960 obit

*Date:* Tue, 6 Nov 2007 22:08:54 -0500

The Southern Illinoisan, Carbondale, Illinois, Thursday, September 8, 1960

rites SATURDAY FOR JAMES HUFFSTUTLER

James HUFFSTUTLER, 72, 502 S Madison St., West Frankfort, died at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Union Hospital, where he had been a patient one day.

A retired railroader, Mr. HUFFSTUTLER came to West Frankfort 41 years ago from Hamilton County where he was born Feb. 1, 1883. His parents were James Sr. and Elizabeth BENNETT HUFFSTUTLER. He belonged to the Apostolic Faith Assembly, West Frankfort.

He leaves his wife Odella; daughters Mrs. Rolla FINN Sr., near Akin, Mrs. Arthur SULLIVAN, north of Thompsonville; step-sons Lloyd and Howard LEWIS, both of West Frankfort; brothers Oscar of Delafeld, Clarence of Mt. Vernon; sister Mrs. Anna MEISNER PHILLIPS of Mt. Vernon and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Apostolic Faith Assembly, with the pastor, the Rev. James JOHNSON officiating. Burial will be in Tower Heights Cemetery.

Friends may call at Vantrease Funeral Home, West Frankfort where friends may call after 7 pm. today.

*From:* "JoAnn McGhee" <[jmcghee6@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmcghee6@bellsouth.net)>

*Subject:* [ILFRANKL] HUFFSTUTLER, James 1883-1960 (Add'l)

*Date:* Sun, 11 Nov 2007 08:18:06 -0500

*References:* <002f01c820eb\$87ab6820\$97023860\$@com>

per Frankfort Twp, Franklin Co IL Cem. Book Vol. One (1980), pg 62, Tower Heights Cem:

HUFFSTUTLER, Nancy J. 1889 - 1958  
James W. 1888 - 1960

## Apostolic Tabernacle Will Dedicate Church Tonight

Apostolic Revival Tabernacle, located for two years at 5504 S. Stewart ave., will dedicate its new church building, 6341 S. Ashland ave., this Sunday at 7:43 p.m.

The growing congregation of the Rev. Wallace Reid, 7335 S. Troy st., pastor, contributed the funds to buy the new property.



REV. WALLACE REID      REV. NORMAN REID

and has done the work necessary to convert the former site of the Norman Geyer Realty company into a church.

Former church, at the Southwest corner of W. 55th st. and S. Stewart ave., was leased by the congregation from the Southtown Planning association.



MRS. COLINE REID      REV. CLARENCE HUFFSTUTLER

and the Rev. Reid, speaking for the congregation, expressed appreciation to Fred Henderson, Frank Burke, and those of the

group who have taken interest in the church.

Associate pastor is the Rev. Norman Reid, 7335 S. Troy st., the pastor's brother, and the Rev. Clarence Huffstutler, 1025 W. 59th st., has been assistant pastor of the congregation for the past year and a half.

Mrs. Coline Reid, wife of the pastor, is the director of music.

The Rev. Wes Busbee of Meridian, Miss., appearing at the church during its tent campaign, will be the speaker at the dedication of the new church to which all are invited to attend. Special music and soloists under the direction of Mrs. Reid will be featured at the evening service.

### Giant Tomato Brings Worries To Gardener

One good thing came out of all last week's intense heat. It was a giant, one and a half-pound tomato that reared its bulbous form in the garden of Mrs. Otto Hanauer, 10810 S. Troy st.

A second tomato, Mrs. Hanauer said, was a whoppin' three quarters of a pound.

"And these are just the first few," she said. "If they all grow so large, we'll be up to our clavicles in tomatoes!"



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*From:* "WM LEVANTI" <[billkaylevanti@verizon.net](mailto:billkaylevanti@verizon.net)>  
*Subject:* [ILHAMILT] Clarabel (HUFFSTUTLER) SULLIVAN  
*Date:* Fri, 11 May 2007 20:34:03 -0500

The West Frankfort Daily American, 10 May 2007.  
Clarabel SULLIVAN, 90, of West Frankfort, IL., formerly of Thompsonville, IL., went to be with her Lord at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the Herrin Hospital.

Mrs. SULLIVAN was born November 11, 1916 in Hamilton Co., IL., the daughter of James and Nancy (DAVIS) HUFFSTUTLER. She married Arthur SULLIVAN on 25 October 1933 and he preceded her in death on August 9, 1991.

She was a housewife and a member of the Glad Tidings Apostolic Church, West Frankfort, IL. She loved quilting, reading, and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Leon (Kay) SULLIVAN, Thompsonville, IL., James (Donna) SULLIVAN, West Frankfort, IL., four daughters, Nancy (Charles) FLETCHER, Greenwood, IN., Mary (Bill) LIMP, Champaign, IL., Ester (Jim) JOHNSON, Herrin, IL., Susan ABBOTT, Thompsonville, IL., thirteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Mrs. SULLIVAN was preceded in death by her parents, husband, an infant son, David SULLIVAN, and one sister Dorothy FINN.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 11 May 2007 at the Hobbs-Johnson Funeral Home, Benton, IL. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Mike LEWIS officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Etna Cemetery, Akin, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the West Frankfort Public Library and will be accepted at the funeral home.

For more information or to sign the memorial guest register visit [www.hobbsjohnsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.hobbsjohnsonfuneralhome.com)