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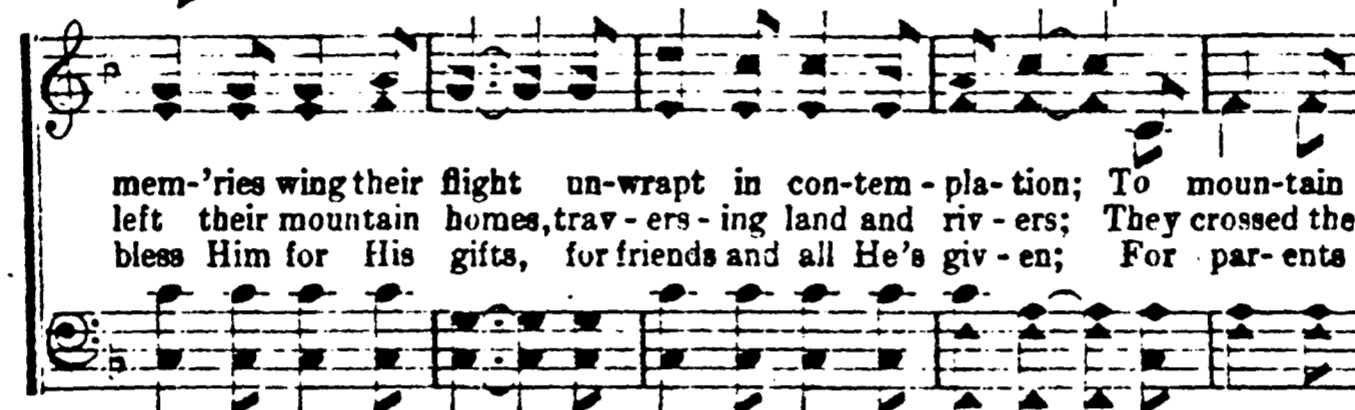
Hail to Our Fathers.

LOUIS A. WEBER.

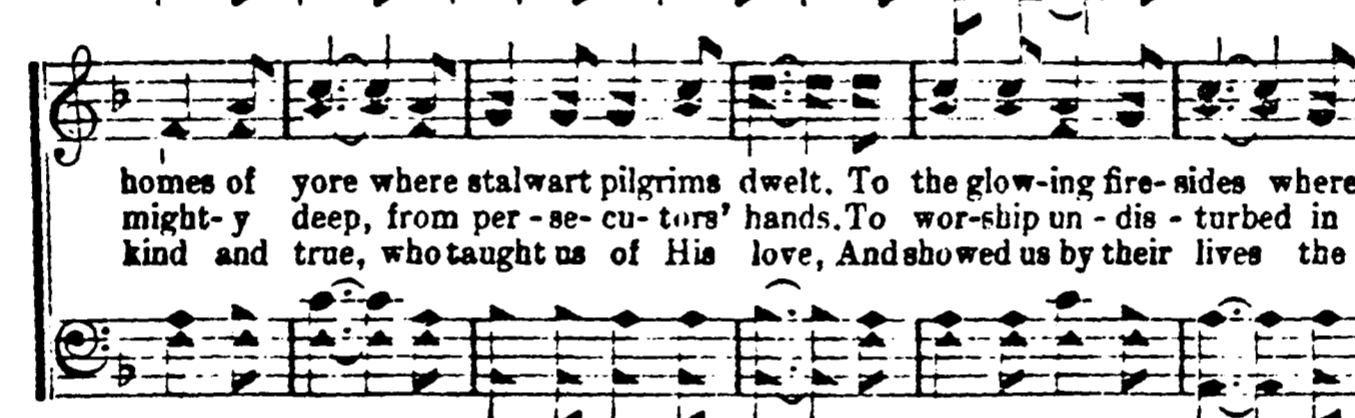
JOSEPH S. WEBER.



1. Our hearts u - nite to - day in grate-ful ad - o - ra - tion; Our
 2. Our voic - es blend in song to laud their brave en - deav - ors. They
 3. Our spir - its join to praise the Lord of earth and heav - en; We

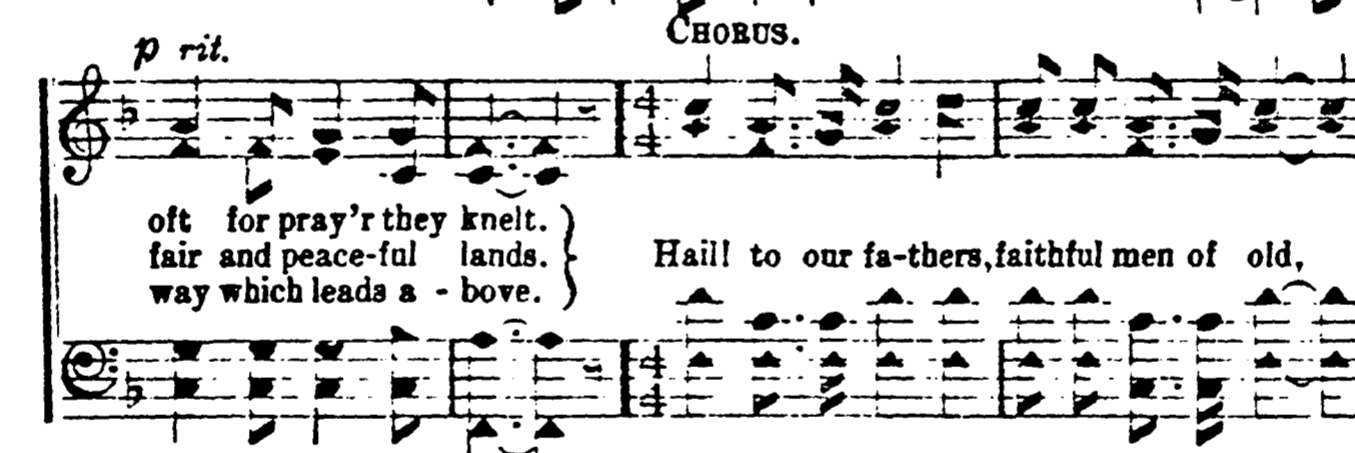


mem'-ries wing their flight un-wrapt in con-tem-pla-tion; To moun-tain
 left their mountain homes, trav-ers-ing land and riv-ers; They crossed the
 bless Him for His gifts, for friends and all He's giv-en; For par-ents

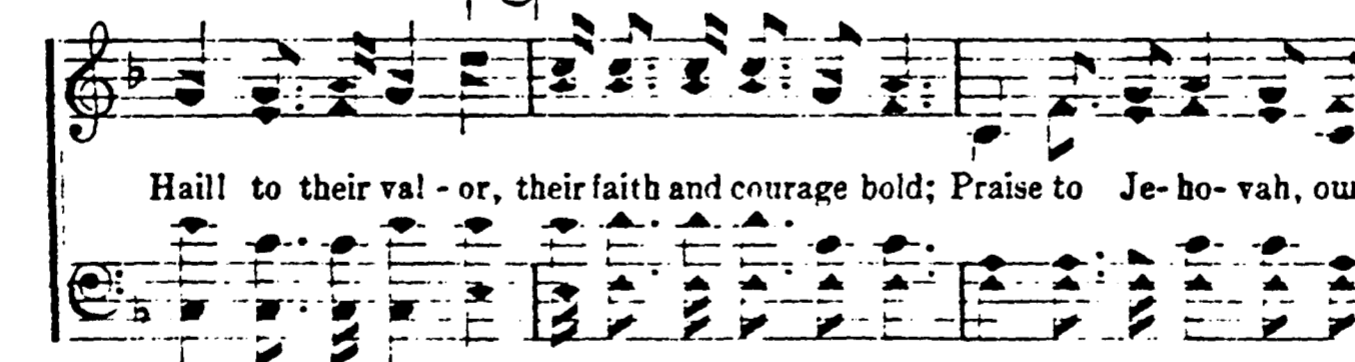


homes of yore where stalwart pilgrims dwelt. To the glow-ing fire-sides where
 might-y deep, from per-se-cu-tors' hands. To wor-ship un-dis-turbed in
 kind and true, who taught us of His love, And showed us by their lives the

p rit. CHORUS.



oft for pray'r they knelt.
 fair and peace-ful lands. } Hail to our fa-thers, faithful men of old,
 way which leads a - bove. }



Hail to their val - or, their faith and courage bold; Praise to Je-ho-vah, our



fathers' gracious God, Lord, lead us al - so in paths which they have trod.

A History of the song "Hail to our Fathers"

The occasion was at a Bowman reunion in the year 1920. Mother Weber's grandmother was a Bowman. The reunion committee asked the Joseph S. Weber family to sing a song at the reunion. Not finding a suitable song Father decided to compose one. Our brother Lewis was at Goshen Collage at the time. Lewis said that he would write the words, which he did. The day the letter came from Goshen, Father read the words, took the team of horses and went to the field. That night in the low stable while milking, he sang the new song. Later he added the other three parts of music to it. To say the least, "Hail to our Fathers" was a "hit" at the Bowman reunion.

Some years later when the West wing of First Mennonite church in Kitchener was dedicated, Rev. C. F. Derstine asked to have the Joseph S. Weber family sing the song "Hail to our Fathers".

This beautiful piece is now our theme song at every reunion.

This booklet was prepared by Paul Burkholder in the summer of 1968. Credit is due to the work of the previous family historian, Matilda (Weber) Hunsberger, also to the records and research of the early Waterloo county historian, the late Mr. Ezra Eby and his book of 1895

WEBER FAMILY HISTORY

July 1968.

This information has been taken from the book "History of Waterloo Township", volume eleven, written by Ezra E. Eby, Berlin, 1896.

1. WEBER, HENRY (1690)

Generally known by his descendants as "Heiner", he was born in Switzerland about the year 1690. His father "Hannes" Weber was a strict adherent of the Protestant faith. After the death of his father in 1721, Henry, with his brothers Christian and John, emigrated to America. It is not known where they arrived but in all probability at Philadelphia as they settled in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa. It is not known definitely where Christian and John settled. Henry married Anna Hershey. They resided near Blue Ball, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa. They have numerous descendants.

2. WEBER, HENRY (1728)

He was born in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa., in 1728 and was the son of Heiner Weber. He was married to a Miss Hershey. They lived on the old Weber homestead in Earl Township. They had two sons and three daughters.

3. WEBER, HENRY (1757)

He was the son of Henry Weber and was born in 1757, on the Weber homestead near Blue Ball, Pa. He married Veronica Hershey. They lived on the old homestead. They had seven sons- Benjamin, Abraham, David, Henry, Franklin, Daniel, and John. Four of the sons moved to Canada and settled in Waterloo County, where their numerous descendants are to be found. The four were: Benjamin, Abraham, Henry and Daniel.

4. WEBER, BENJAMIN (1786)

He was the eldest son of Henry and Veronica Weber and was born near Blue Ball, Earl County, Pa. on February 2, 1786. He married Veronica Martin on April 28, 1806. In 1817, in company with others, they moved with their family from Lancaster to the wilds of Canada, locating on lot #8, German Company Tract, Waterloo County, Ontario. They resided here until their deaths. Benjamin died in January, 1863. They had seven children- Henry, Anna, David, Benjamin, John, Mary and Joseph.

5. WEBER, JOSEPH M. (1820)

The youngest son of Benjamin and Veronica(Martin) Weber was born on June 11, 1820 in Waterloo County on the farm which his father homesteaded, which his son Joseph possessed after him. On November 14, 1843, he married Veronica, daughter of Joseph and Katherin Shantz. She was born on March 15, 1822. They had thirteen children, five of which died in infancy. The following children lived- Barbara, Enoch, Catherine, Mary Anne, Menno, Ezra, Veronica, Amos, Susannah, Joseph S., Hannah, Noah, and Lucinda. Joseph S. died September 1, 1901, age 81 years.

6. WEBER, JOSEPH S. (1861)

He was born on March 4, 1861, son of Joseph M. and Veronica (Shantz) Weber. On March 4, 1884 he married Mary Ann, daughter of Henry B. and Lydia (Snyder) Shantz. She was born on December 12, 1864. They lived on the old Weber homestead taken up by his grandfather Benjamin in 1817. Mary Ann died on August 17, 1899, aged 34 years. She was survived by nine children - Allen, Fanny, Joseph H., Lydia Ann, Hannah, Naomi, Lewis, Newton, and Orphen. Two sons predeceased her. Edwin and Benjamin.

On November 6, 1900, Joseph S. was married to Hannah Shantz (sister to Mary Ann) daughter of Henry B. and Lydia (Snyder) Shantz. She was born on September 1, 1866. Hannah died on August 16, 1925, aged 58 years. Death was due to Chronic Progressive Bulbar Paralysis. She was survived by four children: Orval, Violet, Byron, and Beulah.

On October 26, 1927, Joseph S. was married to Barbara Rudy (widow of Daniel Ernst). She was born on May 13, 1876. She died on August 31, 1931, aged 55 years.

On August 5, 1936, Joseph S. was married to Elizabeth Schmitt (widow of Israel Shantz and Abe Wambold). She was born on August 23, 1868. At the time of his fourth marriage, Joseph S. left the old Weber farm where he had lived continuously, and went to the Canadian west living in the province of Alberta on a corner of Elizabeth's son's farm. Joseph passed away in Alberta on August 6, 1949, aged 88 years. The body was sent to Waterloo County, Ontario and was buried in the Erb St. Mennonite Cemetery, Waterloo, Ontario.

A MEMORY OF MY FATHER - JOS. S. WEBER

Father and I had many heart to heart talks. One day he told me, had he had his choice in life rather than being a farmer, he would have entered the field of music. Father had many musical talents. One was he had a perfect pitch. He was chorister at the Waterloo Mennonite Church over forty years. Through the years as chorister father never used a pitch fork or music pipe. Rev. S. F. Coffman often checked father whether he had the right pitch, but never found him wrong.

A few recollections as a boy was singing while milking the cows. The four parts were sung and it was the sweetest music this side of heaven. After supper we would gather around the organ to sing. We would rather miss dessert than miss this singing.

Let us today glorify God by using our talents in singing His praises.

In 1927 father married Mrs. Abe Wambold. With his new bride he moved to her home in Alberta, in the vicinity of Carstairs. In the Fairview Mennonite Church in Carstairs, he was asked to be chorister and once again became active in the church. The people there respected him highly and he was loved by all. He was known as Grandpa Weber. He died in Alberta at the age of 88 years. His body was brought to Waterloo where he was buried.

—Orval S. Weber

JOSEPH S. WEBER Family

Joseph S. Weber, born March 4, 1861, married Mary Anne Shantz on March 4, 1884.

Children:

Allan	born March 12, 1885	died August 24, 1964
Veronica	born May 11, 1886	died September 13, 1888 Feb. 16 1953
Edwin	born July 13, 1887	died September 13, 1888
Benjamin	born December 4, 1888	died December 7, 1888
Joseph Henry	born January 30, 1890	
Lydia Ann	born May 11, 1891	died December 29, 1938
Hannah	born December 19, 1892	
Lewis	born October 8, 1894	died November 20, 1963
Naomi	born June 29, 1896	died May 20, 1921
Newton	born October 10, 1897	
Orphen	born July 13, 1899	

Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber died August 17, 1899, following a Gall Stone operation. She was 34 years old.

On November 6, 1900, Joseph married Hannah Shantz.

Children:

Orval Samuel	born September 14, 1901
Violet Almeda	born October 6, 1904
Byron	born November 6, 1906
Beulah	born June 4, 1909

Hannah (Shantz) Weber died August 16, 1925 (of Chronic Progressive Bulbar Paralysis), aged 58 years.

On October 26, 1927, Joseph S. was married to Barbara Rudy (widow of Daniel Ernst). Barbara died August 31, 1931, aged 55 years.

On August 5, 1936 Joseph S. married Elizabeth Schmitt, widow of Isreal Shantz and Abe Wambold. Joseph S. died August 6, 1949. Elizabeth died December 31, 1962.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH S. WEBER

1. WEBER, ALLEN

Son of Joseph S., and Mary Anne (Shantz) Weber. He was born March 12, 1885 on the Weber homestead which was taken up by his great grandfather Benjamin Weber in 1817. He was married to Sarah Sophia Martin, born October 2, 1884, daughter of Ezra and Emmaline (Knipe) Martin. They were married on August 28, 1910. They farmed in Waterloo Township, Waterloo County. They had eight children- Arthur Lewis, Alice Alvina, Oliver Joseph, Samuel Wilfred, Matilda Mae, Clara Belle, Florence Almeda, and George Roy. Sarah died November 11, 1934, aged 50 years. Death was due to cancer. On June 26, 1938, Allen married Joanna Eby (widow of Oliver Lichty). She was born Dec. 12, 1889. Allen died August 24, 1964.

2. WEBER, VERONICA (FANNY)

Daughter of Joseph S. and Mary (Shantz) Weber. She was born on May 11, 1886 on the old Weber homestead which was taken up by her great grandfather Benjamin in 1817. On December 18, 1907, she married Amos Burkholder, born November 17, 1884, the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Burkholder. They farmed at R. R. #1, Markham, Ontario. They had seven children: Samuel, Walter, Mary, Leonard, Alvin, Hannah and Ada. Fanny died on February 16, 1953. Death was due to Coronary Chrombosis. Amos died August 21, 1958.

3. WEBER, EDWIN

Son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. He was born on July 16, 1887 on the old Weber homestead. Edwin died on September 13, 1888. Death was due to diarrhea.

4. WEBER, BENJAMIN

Son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber was born on Weber homestead on December 4, 1888. He died on December 7, 1888.

5. WEBER, JOSEPH HENRY

Son of Joseph S. and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. He was born on the Weber homestead taken up by his great grandfather in 1817. He was born on January 30, 1890. On January 7, 1914, he was married to Mary Erb, born July 26, 1893, daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Schmitt) Erb. Joseph bought the old home farm from his father Joseph S. in March of 1925. They had five children: Agnes Eileen, Joseph Ralph, Reta May, Howard Earl, and Leonard James. They sold the Weber farm to Aldred Shantz in December of 1945.

6. WEBER, LYDIA ANN

Daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. She was born May 11, 1891 on the Weber farm taken up by her great grandfather in 1817. On December 20, 1916 she was married to Joseph B. Reesor. He was the son of Tillman and Mary (Barkey) Reesor. They farmed at R. R. #2, Markham. They had nine children: Mary Margaret, Lewis Howard, Martha Emma, Annie Naomi, Eva Alvina, David Henry, John Tillman, Esther Ida, and Ruth Ella. Lydia died on December 29, 1938, aged 47 years. Death was due to pneumonia. Joseph died Nov. 25, 1950.

7. WEBER, HANNAH

Daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. She was born on December 19, 1892 on the old Weber farm, which was taken by her great grandfather in 1817. On April 25, 1917 she was married to Herbert B. Snider, born April 4, 1888, son of Samuel and Magdalena (Brubacher) Snider. They farmed west of Waterloo, Ontario. Their farm was later taken up by the City of Waterloo. They had one son, Harold Samuel.

8. WEBER, LEWIS S.

Son of Joseph S. and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. He was born on October 8, 1894 on the old Weber homestead, taken up by his great grandfather in 1817. On June 14, 1922 he was married to Edna K. Bowman, born May 21, 1896, daughter of Jonas and Barbara (Koch) Bowman. Lewis was ordained to the ministry in the Mennonite Church at the Erb St. Mennonite Church in Waterloo Ontario on November 13, 1918 by Bishop Jonas Snider. They served the church in various places, in Toronto City Mission from July 1922 until October 1931. In 1931 they went to Argentina to the mission field where they served until 1949. In 1950, they started working in the Mennonite Publishing House in Scottdale, where they are both engaged in translating the various materials into the Spanish language. Lewis was ordained a bishop in the Mennonite church in Argentina in January 1944 by T. K. Hershey and Amos Swartzentruber. Lewis has written several books "Ideals for Christian Youth", "Argentina from Within" and parts of "The Gospel Under the Southern Cross". Lewis suggested the title for this book. Lewis and Edna do not have a family. Lewis died on November 20, 1963. Edna died September 4, 1967.

9. WEBER, NAOMI

Daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. She was born June 29, 1896 on the homestead. On March 21, 1917 she married Nelson B. Martin. They served in city mission work in Toronto, Ontario. They had twins, Florence and Floyd who were born and died on October 13, 1917. Naomi died on May 10, 1921. Death was due to a throat infection.

10. WEBER, NEWTON

Son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. He was born on October 10, 1897 on the homestead. On April 14, 1923 he was married to Nellie Burkholder, born March 2, 1899, daughter of John and Dora (Humbert) Burkholder. Newton was ordained a minister in the Mennonite church on March 25, 1921. They have four children: Naomi Catherine, Ruth Marie, Rhoda Elizabeth and John Newton.

11. WEBER, ORPHEN

Son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Shantz) Weber. He was born on July 13, 1899 on the Weber homestead. On September 3, 1924 he was married to Catherine Cressman, born November 20, 1901, daughter of Enos and Alvina (Hallman) Cressman.

Orphen was ordained a deacon in the Mennonite church on June 20, 1947. They have five children: Mary Anna, Verna Mae, and Vera Lavina (twins), Lewis Cressman, and Davis Willis.

12. WEBER, ORVAL SAMUEL

Son of Joseph and Hanna (Shantz) Weber. He was born on September 14, 1901, on the old farm. On September 8, 1927, he was married to Ella Fretz, born October 31, 1905, daughter of Mannaseh and Mary Ann (Cober) Fretz. They have four children: Carol Angeleen, Dorothy Eileen Isabel, William Richard Charles, And James Samuel.

13. WEBER, VIOLET ALMEDA

Daughter of Joseph and Hanna (Shantz) Weber. She was born on October 6, 1904, on the old homestead. On February 25, 1931, she was married to Leonard Gordon Snider, born on June 7, 1904, son of David and Malinda (Weber) Snider. They have five children: Elmer Le Roy, born October 1, 1932, died October 12, 1932; Marie Eileen, Clifford James, born September 9, 1936, died July 1, 1938; Edward Glen and Ruby Elizabeth.

14. WEBER, BYRON S.

Son of Joseph and Hanna (Shantz) Weber. He was born on November 6, 1906, on the old farm. On September 6, 1947, he married Ethel Amanda Witmer, born September 6, 1909, daughter of Edmond and Lavina (Hallman) Witmer. They have one child, Virginia Louise, born December 24, 1948.

15. WEBER, BEULAH

Daughter of Joseph and Hanna (Shantz) Weber. She was born on June 4, 1909 on the old farm. On December 30, 1931 she was married to Delton Schmitt, born July 26, 1907, son of Samuel and Sarah (Witmer) Schmitt. They have three children: Howard Stanley, Dorothy Lorene, and Betty Suanne.

ALLAN S. WEBER Family No. 1.

Arthur Lewis (October 8, 1911--June 29, 1955)

Son of Allan and Sarah (Martin) Weber. He married Beulah Bearinger, daughter of Ephriam and Annie (Shantz) Bearinger, on February 14, 1940. Beulah was born on March 9, 1911.

Children:

Shirley Elizabeth	born February 12, 1943
Richard Dale	born November 14, 1945
Linda Jane	born December 26, 1948
Barbara Eleanor	born January 24, 1952, died April 17, 1968.

Arthur and two of his children, Shirley age 12, and Richard age 9, were accidently drowned in a farm pond during a family outing on June 29, 1955.

Alice Alvina (March 2, 1913)

Daughter of Allen and Sarah (Martin) Weber. On June 28, 1939, she married Etril Martin Snyder, son of Noah and Veronica (Snyder) Snyder. Etril was born December 9, 1912.

Children:

Douglas Noah	twins	born April 14, 1941
Donald Allan		born April 14, 1941
Peter Etril		born January 28, 1944

On August 1, 1964, Douglas married Doreen Ann Bender, daughter of Reuben and Alice (Litwiller) Bender. Doreen was born June 26, 1941.

Children:

Julie Anne	born April 15, 1967
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On August 29, 1964, Donald married Katherine Vera Shultz, daughter of Mahlon and Elizabeth (Lichty) Shultz. She was born May 23, 1941.

On September 3, 1966, Peter married Marilyn Ruth Snyder, daughter of Wayne and Lovina (Ziegler) Snyder. Marilyn was born on April 9, 1946.

Oliver Joseph (July 1, 1914)

Son of Allan and Sarah (Martin) Weber. On July 14, 1942 he married Almeda Snyder, daughter of Ephriam and Louisa (Martin) Snyder. Almeda was born November 3, 1918.

Children:

Kenneth George	born November 26, 1944
Ross Gordon	born March 22, 1948
Edward James	born May 25, 1949
Paul Eugene	born April 16, 1952
Ralph Stuart	born April 24, 1953

On July 24, Kenneth married Arlene Brubacher, daughter of Abner and Gladys (Shantz) Brubacher. She was born on February 26, 1944.

Children:

Pamela Denise	born February 15, 1968
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Samuel Wilfred (March 20, 1916)

On April 12, 1944 he married Verda Snyder, daughter of Clemens and Samantha (Beihn) Snyder. She was born November 2, 1917.

Children:

Edith Irene	born December 10, 1944
Dorothy Marie	born November 8, 1945
Ruth Eileen	born May 9, 1948
Janet Elaine	born May 25, 1951

On June 20, 1964 Edith married David Warren Boettger, son of Warren and Kathleen (Lough) Boettger. David was born July 31, 1941.

Children:

Kimberly Ann	born February 21, 1966
Brenda Lynn	born June 30, 1967

Matilda Mae (March 1, 1918)

Daughter of Allan and Sarah (Martin) Weber. On Dec. 22, 1939 she married Gordon Isaac Hunsberger, son of Abram and Mary (Wideman) Hunsberger. He was born on December 11, 1914.

Children:

Margaret Rose	born November 23, 1940
twin son and daughter	born August 13; died Aug. 14
Robert Gordon	born October 2, 1944
Brian Allan	born March 27, 1949

Clara Belle (June 14, 1919)

Daughter of Allan and Sarah (Martin) Weber. On May 27, 1944 she married Roy G. Snyder, son of Edwin and Leah (Gingerich) Snyder. Roy was born October 23, 1915.

Children:

Jean Elizabeth	born	January 13, 1946
Nancy Ann	born	February 1, 1951
Donna Marie	born	February 17, 1954
Laura Louise	born	July 21, 1957

Florence Almeda (May 28, 1921)

Daughter of Allan and Sarah (Martin) Weber.

George Roy (December 25, 1922)

Son of Allan and Sarah (Martin) Weber. On February 2, 1946 he married Vera Martin, daughter of Eden and Valina (Shantz) Martin. She was born October 4, 1923.

Children:

Ronald Eden	born	December 28, 1946
Joan Louise	born	October 18, 1951
Bruce Marvin	born	April 9, 1957

AMOS R. BURKHOLDER Family No. 2.

BURKHOLDER, SAMUEL

Son of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. He was born January 6, 1911. He died in infancy.

BURKHOLDER, WALTER

Son of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. He was born December 24, 1911 at Markham. On December 25, 1934 he married Florence Bauman, born August 14, 1910, daughter of Emmanuel and Mary Ann (Frey) Bauman.

Children:

Harold James	born June 2, 1939
Marianne Lucille	born January 20, 1944
Stuart Earl	born July 30, 1946

Harold met a sudden and untimely death September 28, 1956 due to a motorcycling accident. Harold was 17 years of age at the time.

On December 29, 1965, Marianne Burkholder married Frank Ford, born December 4, 1944.

BURKHOLDER, MARY

Daughter of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. She was born April 20, 1914. She married Aaron Good on April 4, 1945. He was born June 14, 1914, son of Abram and Barbara (Shantz) Good.

Children:

Barbara Eleanor	born March 12, 1946
Esther Miriam	born June 8, 1948
Arnold Robert	born May 26, 1950
Harold Ralph	born January 23, 1952

BURKHOLDER, LEONARD WEBER

Son of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. He was born February 16, 1916. He married Evelyn Rita Byer on September 26, 1945. She was born December 17, 1920, daughter of Edwin and Ruth (Meyer) Byer.

Children:

Hazel Kristine	born March 4, 1947
Louise Evelyn	born September 5, 1948
Eleanor Ruth	born August 6, 1951
Elisabeth Anne	born January 16, 1953
Marie Isobel	born November 14, 1954
George Conrad	born July 21, 1957
Elfreda Joy	born May 19, 1960
Charles Lester	born October 1, 1963

BURKHOLDER, ALVIN

Son of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. He was born June 18, 1920 and died in infancy.

BURKHOLDER, HANNAH

Daughter of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. She was born February 13, 1923. She was married on April 24, 1946 to Gordon Wideman, born December 3, 1922, son of Willis and Stella (Greenbury) Wideman.

Children:

Kenneth Gordon	born June 3, 1947
Helen Faye	born January 13, 1952
Arthur James	born May 22, 1953
Vernon Ray	born August 25, 1955

Arthur died July 23, 1960 of a brain tumor after nine months of illness.

BURKHOLDER, ADA ELIZABETH

Daughter of Amos R. and Fanny (Weber) Burkholder. She was born June 20, 1930. Ada married Philip Barg, on Dec. 27, 1963. He was born in Buslatschy, Crimea, Russia. The Bargs now reside in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Children:

Katherine Louise	born December 16, 1966
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JOSEPH HENRY WEBER Family 5.

Weber infant, stillborn December 12, 1916

WEBER, AGNES EILEEN

Daughter of Joseph H. and Mary (Erb) Weber. She was born December 2, 1917. She married Isaac Frey Brubacher on June 28, 1941. Isaac was born January 28, 1914, son of Michael and Melinda (Frey) Brubacher.

Children:

Wilfred James	born September 3, 1942
Richard Paul	born August 18, 1945
Murray Andrew	born June 12, 1951

On July 13, 1968 Wilfred married Sharon McGoey, daughter of John and Helen (Javens) McGoey.

On July 14, 1967 Richard married Susan Stauffer, daughter of William and Murriel (Graber) Stauffer.

WEBER, JOSEPH RALPH

Son of Joseph and Mary (Erb) Weber. He was born on January 31, 1922. He was married to Elizabeth Snider on June 23, 1945. Elizabeth, daughter of Howard and Linda (Becker) Snider, was born April 30, 1924.

Children:

Lynne Elizabeth	born July 21, 1949
Sue Ann	born July 23, 1960

WEBER, RETA MAE

Daughter of Joseph H. and Mary (Erb) Weber. She was born on June 18, 1923. She married Glenn Munroe Scheifele on February 24, 1945. Glenn was born April 27, 1922, son of Clayton and Nora (Rosenberger) Scheifele.

Children:

Ray Douglas	born April 18, 1949
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WEBER, HOWARD EARL

Son of Joseph H. and Mary (Erb) Weber. He was born on June 1, 1925. He was married on April 5, 1947 to Lucille Snider, daughter of Howard and Linda (Becker) Snider.

Children:

John Elwood	born September 7, 1947
Jenny Lou	born November 1, 1952
Allen Kent	born May 22, 1960
David Howard	born August 24, 1965

Howard was the first of the fourth generation of Webers to be born on the old Weber homestead.

WEBER, LEONARD JAMES

Son of Joseph and Mary (Erb) Weber. He was born on February 28, 1934, on the old Weber homestead, taken up by his great, great grandfather, Benjamin Weber in 1817. Leonard was married on June 13, 1959 to Betty Schmidt, born on May 10, 1938, daughter of Albert and Adolfine (Kambling) Schmidt.

Children:

Lori Elizabeth

born February 27, 1963

Lisa Jean

born July 6, 1965

Leonard Weber was instantly killed in a truck accident on February 2, 1967.

JOSEPH REESOR Family 6.

REESOR, MARY MARGARET was born September 25, 1917. She is presently on the staff at Sunshine Shildren's Home, Maumee, Ohio.

REESOR, LEWIS HOWARD was born January 22, 1919. On August 28, 1947, he married Alma Fretz, born March 31, 1921, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Grove) Fretz.

Children:

Erle Glen	born April 29, 1949
Harold Eugene	born June 25, 1951
Marvin Ray	born July 24, 1954
Martha Jean	born February 6, 1958
Mary Lou	born May 16, 1961

REESOR, MARTHA EMMA was born August 21, 1920. On August 2, 1956 she married J. T. Hartzler, born February 6, 1925, son of Clarence and Nellie (Yoder) Hartzler. They presently farm at Latour, Missouri.

Children:

John David	born June 13, 1957
Charles Vernon	born January 14, 1959
Harold Joseph	born March 20, 1962
Marilyn Joyce	born April 7, 1965

REESOR, ANNIE NAOMI was born December 3, 1921. On October 3, 1946 she married Harold Leroy McDowell, born December 25, 1920, son of Allen and Martha (Housser) McDowell.

Children:

Elizabeth Anne	born October 24, 1948
Dorothy Louise	born September 30, 1950
Charles Edward	stillborn January 27, 1954
Carolyn Marie	born April 19, 1956

REESOR, EVA ALVINA was born July 31, 1923. On September 7, 1950 she was married to Paul Herbert Burkholder, born July 25, 1926, son of Lewis L. and Emma (Meyer) Burkholder.

Children:

David Reesor	born January 3, 1952
Robert Paul	born November 27, 1954
Mary Catherine	born November 30, 1956
Nancy Ruth	born June 4, 1958
Laura Anne	born October 8, 1962
Barbara Jeanne	born June 17, 1965

REESOR, DAVID HENRY was born January 2, 1926. On Oct. 4, 1952 he married Mary Bontrager, born June 13, 1928, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Miller) Bontrager.

Children:

Steven Lynn	born October 28, 1953
Donald Joseph	born August 23, 1955
Kevin Daniel	born April 13, 1961; drowned August 21, 1967
Catherine Ann	born January 27, 1963

REESOR, JOHN TILLMAN was born June 21, 1927. On June 21, 1952 he married Elsie May Wideman, born May 14, 1924, daughter of Willis and Stella (Greenbury) Wideman.

Children:

Marlene Louise	born February 26, 1954
Elaine Marie	born September 6, 1955
Donna Eileen	born June 27, 1962
Mary Jane	stillborn Nov. 15, 1963
Keith Gordon	born December 8, 1965

REESOR, ESTHER IDA was born January 7, 1930. She served as Missionary nurse in Brazil from 1957 to 1965. On March 18, 1965 she was married to Hideichi Saito, son of Yaohei and Aki Saito. He was born July 17, 1938 at Tomioka, Gunma-ken, Japan. In 1957 Saito graduated from Kanra Agricultural Collage. He immigrated to Brazil in January of 1960. Esther and Saito reside on a large farm near Araguacema, in the province of Goias where they are active in the program of the church.

Children:

Seijo Gil	born January 25, 1967
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REESOR, RUTH ELLA was born October 20, 1931. On Oct. 6, 1962 she was married to Enow Eric Hunsberger, born on March 13, 1926. He was the son of Eldon and Mary (Cressman) Hunsberger. Ruth has one stepson, Eric Ross, born March 12, 1953.

All the Reesors were born at R.R.#2, Markham on the old Reesor homestead where their parents farmed.

HERBERT B. SNIDER Family 7.

SNIDER, HAROLD SAMUEL

Son of Herbert B. and Hannah (Weber) Snider. He was born on July 30, 1918. He married Eileen Snyder on July 1, 1941, daughter of Jacob and Angeline (Groff) Snyder. She was born on July 29, 1919.

Children:

Glenn Laverne	born March 10, 1944
Mary Yvonne	born July 22, 1947
Robert Harold	born January 12, 1952

NEWTON WEBER Family 10.

WEBER, NAOMI CATHERINE

Daughter of Newton and Nellie (Burkholder) Weber. She was born on April 15, 1924. She was married to Tillman Headings on May 27, 1948. He was born on September 7, 1912, the son of Frank and Lydia (Hilty) Headings.

Children:

Judith Eileen		born February 16, 1950
Kenneth Dale		born January 12, 1953
Kathryn Gale	twins	born January 12, 1953

WEBER, RUTH MARIE

Daughter of Newton and Nellie (Burkholder) Weber. She was born on May 20, 1926. She was married on Jan. 23, 1948 to Jay Warren Yoder, born May 10, 1917, son of Dan C. and Maude (Algyer) Yoder.

Children:

Edward Warren	born September 18, 1950
Keith James	born April 3, 1952
Karl Steven	born June 3, 1957

WEBER, RHODA ELIZABETH

Daughter of Newton and Nellie (Burkholder) Weber. She was born on January 20, 1929. She married Eugene Neer on October 10, 1947. He was born October 24, 1927, son of Earl and Edna (Yoder) Neer.

Children:

Lynn Michael	born October 30, 1948
Rose Marie	born August 6, 1951
David Eugene	born September 13, 1952
Paul Edwin	born February 24, 1961
Elizabeth Ann	born September 13, 1962

WEBER, JOHN NEWTON

Son of Newton and Nellie (Burkholder) Weber. He was born December 6, 1931. He is now living in San Francisco, California, and is a sales representative in an Interior Decorating firm.

ORPHEN WEBER Family 11.

WEBER, MARY ANNA

Daughter of Orphen and Catherine (Cressman) Weber. She was born December 11, 1925. She was married on June 19, 1948 to Vernon Ray Yoder, born July 23, 1920, son of Ira and Minnie (Brubacher) Yoder.

Children:

Kathryn Pearl	born October 19, 1950
James Ray	born April 6, 1952
John David	born September 16, 1956

WEBER, VERNA MAE

Daughter of Orphen and Catherine (Cressman) Weber. She was born September 7, 1928. Verna is presently nursing.

WEBER, VERA LAVINA

Daughter of Orphen and Catherine (Cressman) Weber. She was born September 7, 1928. She was married June 23, 1951 to Earl Martin, born March 28, son of David S. and Agnes (Shantz) Martin.

Children:

Gloria Elizabeth	born July 20, 1952
Glenn Edward	born February 8, 1955
Kevin Earl	born April 18, 1959

WEBER, LEWIS CRESSMAN

Son of Orphen and Catherine (Cressman) Weber. He was born August 18, 1934. On August 18, 1956 he married Margaret Louise Shantz, born March 15, 1934, daughter of Clarence and Salome (Hallman) Shantz.

Children:

Ann Elizabeth	born December 3, 1960
Mark Edward	born April 26, 1963
Gregory Ross	born April 3, 1966

WEBER, DAVID WILLIS

Son of Orphen and Catherine (Cressman) Weber. He was born March 6, 1939. On July 15, 1960 he was married to Pauline Grace Brubacher, born April 19, 1939, daughter of Walter and Beatrice (Martin) Brubacher.

Children:

Phyllis Lynette	born June 12, 1961
Donald Mark	born October 18, 1962

ORVAL WEBER Family 12.

WEBER, CAROL ANGELEEN

Daughter of Orval and Ella (Fretz) Weber. She was born December 16, 1928. She was married on June 9, 1951 to Arnold Joseph Zehr, born December 30, 1926, son of Joseph R. and Susie (Brenneman) Zehr.

Children:

Gary Arnold	born December 30, 1952
Deborah	born November 16, 1955,- died November 20, 1955
Douglas	born December 2, 1957
Jane twins	born January 27, 1959
Joan	born January 27, 1959

WEBER, DOROTHY EILEEN ISABEL

Daughter of Orval and Ella (Fretz) Weber. She was born February 23, 1936. She was married August 5, 1955 to Laverne Roy Sherk, born September 5, 1933, son of Norman and Nellie (Houser) Sherk.

Children:

Debra June	born November 24, 1956
Patrica Ann	born September 14, 1960
Cindy Lee	born September 15, 1961
Wendy Lynn	born April 1, 1968

WEBER, JAMES SAMUEL

Son of Orval and Ella (Fretz) Weber. He was born on May 26, 1942. He was married January 30, 1965 to Sandra Lynn Jantzi, born August 7, 1946, daughter of Ila (Drown) and Jonas Jantzi.

Children:

Sherri Ann	born March 22, 1966
Mark Douglas	born July 5, 1968

WEBER, WILLIAM RICHARD CHARLES

Son of Orval and Ella (Fretz) Weber. He was born on January 15, 1944. He was married October 3, 1964 to Dianne Rose Doerfler, born October 2, 1941, daughter of Wilfred and Magdalene (Buhlman) Doerfler.

Leonard Snider Family 13.

SNIDER, ELMER LEROY

Son of Leonard and Violet (Weber) Snider. He was born on October 1, 1932. He died on October 12, 1932.

SNIDER, MARIE EILEEN

Daughter of Leonard and Violet (Weber) Snider. She was born March 6, 1934. She is presently a nurse in San Francisco, California.

SNIDER, CLIFFORD JAMES

Son of Leonard and Violet (Weber) Snider. He was born September 9, 1936. He died July 1, 1938.

SNIDER, EDWARD GLEN

Son of Leonard and Violet (Weber) Snider. He was born January 13, 1939. He was married August 26, 1961 to Lorene Beulah Brubacher, born October 15, 1939, daughter of Wilbert and Hettie (Wideman) Brubacher.

Children:

Jeffrey Mark

born April 20, 1963

SNIDER, RUBY ELIZABETH

Daughter of Leonard and Violet (Weber) Brubacher. She was born January 8, 1941. She was married on September 23, 1961 to Elroy Wideman, born January 8, 1939, son of Aaron and Lucinda (Martin) Wideman.

Children:

Susan Marie

born January 25, 1963

Kathy Lynn

born June 29, 1964

BYRON WEBER Family 14.

WEBER, VIRGINIA LOUISE

Daughter of Byron and Ethel (Witmer) Weber. She was born December 24, 1948.

DELTON SCHMITT Family 15.

SCHMITT, HOWARD STANLEY

Son of Delton and Beulah (Weber) Schmitt. He was born on the old Weber homestead October 19, 1933. On May 20, 1960 he was married to Dorothy Jean West, born January 21, 1935, daughter of Jack and Leah West.

Children:

Valerie Jean	born July 6, 1961
Jeffery Howard	born December 1, 1962.

SCHMITT, DOROTHY LORENE

Daughter of Delton and Beulah (Weber) Schmitt. She was born June 16, 1937. On August 11, 1962 she was married to Ralph Lorne Shantz, born June 11, 1934, son of Lorne and Ade Shantz.

Children:

Kerry Lynn	born February 18, 1966
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SCHMITT, BETTY SUALNE

Daughter of Delton and Beulah (Weber) Schmitt. She was born February 15, 1943.

THE WEBER FARM

Benjamin Weber took up 232 acres of land of lot #8, German Company's Tract, north of the town of Waterloo, in Waterloo Township, Waterloo County in 1817. The house still on this farm was built in 1830 when the first log cabin was no longer roomy enough for the numerous little Webers.

In 1890, Joseph M., son of Benjamin, divided the farm for his sons, Joseph S. and Noah S. Noah moved into the new buildings, erected on the north portion of land while Joseph S. remained on the old homestead.

All fifteen children of Joseph S. were born in the house on the old homestead. The house has been remodeled in time, but is still the original building.

In 1923, a house was built for Newton Webers on the Weber farm on the other side of the highway. Newton was serving as pastor of the Erb St. Mennonite Church.

In 1925, Joseph H., son of Joseph S., took over the old homestead and Joseph S. moved into the house across the highway, built in 1923.

Howard Earl, son of Joseph H. was born in the old homestead house making him the first Weber of the fourth generation to be born on the old farm. Later Leonard James was also born there.

Howard Schmitt was born in the little house across the highway. These three are all of the fourth generation to be born on Weber land.

When Benjamin came to Canada he brought a grandfather clock which his ancestors had brought from Switzerland in about 1721. Benjamin said that the clock should stay on the farm, so whoever owned the farm had the clock.

Joseph H. sold the farm in December of 1945. Since no one in the Weber family seemed interested in the farm, it was sold to Aldred Shantz, the present owner. Since a Weber was not getting the farm, the clock had to be sold. Orval bought the clock and it is still in his possession. Orval had it repaired and it is still working nicely. It has been a family custom to put the baby teeth in the bottom of the frame. Where this collection is now is not known.

Lorne Weber, son of Noah S., sold the north portion of the Weber farm to Roy Martin in 1947. Lorne built a new home on the original corner of the farm. He is the only Weber still on the original Weber land.

