

DESCENDANTS
of
JACOB GRETER
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PREFACE TO REVISED EDITION

There were many doubtful points in the first manuscript edition of DESCENDANTS OF JACOB GRETER and I hesitated about releasing it and in fact did not do so for some time after writing it. After its release however an unexpected and most welcome opportunity came to me to visit the Eastern part of Pennsylvania and I was able to obtain at first hand much additional information. From County records I obtained briefs of wills and deeds; also I visited many of the old cemeteries in that vicinity and obtained dates from old headstones.

This information obtained on the ground proved many points that I had already suspected. It proved that the Jacob Greter who died in 1760 was the one that Lewis Crater showed as the original immigrant ancestor of this branch of the Greter-Crater Family. On page 4 I show that the family shown in the will of JACOB GRETER (Book L page 386 Phila. Co. Records) was the same family and was shown in the same order as in the birth record in German taken from the old family Bible by Lewis Crater. Further this will and that of JOHN GRETER (Book 5 page 59 Montgomery Records) both show that Barbara Greter (b.1740) married Isaac Hunsicker and that Mary Greter (b.1760) married Frederick Hubler; they also show that it was the Catherine Greter (b.1750) daughter of John and not the Catherine Greter (b.1750) daughter of Jacob that married Dillman Ziegler.

Reader is referred to Hunsicker Genealogy for further information on descendants of Lewis Grater (1775-1847) and on descendants of Warren H. Grater (1843-1886).

The first wife of Isaac Grater (1810-1896) was Deborah Groff (1810-1858) and his second wife was Elizabeth Hauff (1816-1861); his children were born in the order as shown by Lewis Crater; SCHWENKFELDER FAMILIES is in error on these points.

In regard to the family of John G. Greter (b.1838) there is a discrepancy between the dates shown in SCHWENKFELDER FAMILIES as being taken from a family Bible and those on headstones at Trappe.

Under the caption of WHO ARE THEY short genealogies of three other Crater families are shown; as these families lived in the same township as some of Jacob Greter's descendants it may be they are also his descendants. It is hoped that further information may be obtained regarding these three families.

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INTRODUCTION

In 1894 Lewis Grater (1843-1919) of Reading, Pa. wrote and published a small genealogy entitled "History of the Greter, Grater or Crater Family"; it was a genealogy of the descendants of Jacob Greter who lived at Gratersford, Montgomery County, Pa. Lewis Crater says; "The genealogy is not intended to include the whole family but takes up the line of Jacob Greter and traces the descendants of his son, Johannas."

It is evident that Lewis Crater obtained the information for the first three generations of his genealogy from an old family Bible record written in German and this part of his work was undoubtedly very accurate; however he assumes that the Jacob Greter whose name appears on the passenger list of the ship Samuel on the trip arriving at Philadelphia on August 17, 1733 was his ancestor and there is very good reason to believe that he may have been mistaken about this; Pennsylvania Archives show that this Jacob Greter was 21 years old in 1733; one would not expect to find him married and the father of two children, one of them four years old, at the age of 21 and further there is no record of his wife on the passenger list of the Samuel or on the lists of other ships arriving later.

Abram Clemmer writing in The Perkiomen Region dated April 1932 on the ancestry of his father, shows that one of these ancestors was Jacob Greter, who came to America prior to 1728.

In compiling this genealogy I have searched the public records of four Pennsylvania counties, corresponded with many of Jacob Greter's descendants and searched many cemeteries; I have attempted to correct many errors previously made and to extend the lines. My thanks to those who have helped me in this work. Trusting that my own errors are not too numerous, I will appreciate any corrections or any additional data that may be sent me.

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HISTORY

Jacob Greter made his first appearance in America about 1720 as one of the signers of a petition by inhabitants of Colebrook Valley to Governor Patrick Gordon for protection from the Indians; this petition mentions the trouble that had come upon "the back inhabitants about Falkner's Swamp and New Goshoponin". The date of Jacob Greter's arrival in America is unknown as is the date of his death. It is evident that his widow married Christian Allebach of Lower Salford Township, whose will (Book H page 151 Phila. Co. Will Records) mentions step-children Jacob Greder, Martin Greder and Barbara Greder. This will was proved Sept. 10, 1746.

Martin Greter and Jacob Greter jr. were naturalized June 21, 1743 which indicates that they were born in Germany. (See Penna. Archives 2nd Series Vol. 2 page 360). No further record of Barbara has been found. Martin Greter sold some property in Upper Hanover Township in 1746 to Melchor Shultz and Veronica Greter signed as Martin's wife. (Vol. G-8 page 286 Phila. Co. Deed Records).

Jacob Greter jr. had a farm and mill at Gratersford, Montgomery County, Pa. and it was for him that the borough was named. In a census of Skippack Township made in 1756 he is listed as a weaver, having seven children and as the owner of 220 acres of land of which 80 acres were cleared. He died in 1760 leaving a wife and eight children. (Will dated Jan. 11, 1760 and proved Feb. 19, 1760 Will Book L page 386 Phila. Co. Will Records.)

Most of the early members of this family belonged to the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church and many of them are buried in that cemetery.

SPELLING OF NAME

The German spelling of the name was probably Gräter or Graeter. The early German immigrants spelled it Greter, Grater, Greder and Grader as well as other ways starting with "G". English speaking immigrants insisted that the name should start with a "K" or with a "C" and it was so spelled in the early records of that section. Even now signs erected by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inform us that the Borough of Gratersford was named for Jacob Kreator, an early settler. Mistakes in the spelling of the name were made in some of the early deeds and some of Jacob Greter's descendants changed the spelling of the name to Crater while others changed to Grater.

FAMILY OF JACOB GRETER JR.

Following is a parallel comparison of the names of the children of Jacob Greter (d.1760) as listed in family Bible, in Jacob Greter's will and in Paul Greter's will. Ages shown in parenthesis following the names are calculated using Bible dates and dates of wills.

BIBLE RECORD	JACOB GRETER'S WILL Jan.11,1760	PAUL GRETER'S WILL 1768
JACOB b.May 25,1729		
MARIA b.Apr.18,1731	MARY (late wife of Jacob Meyer)	MARY (late wife of Jacob Meyer)
JOHANNAS b.Apr.10,1734	JOHN (25)	JOHN (54)
ELIZABETH b.Feb.29,1736	(Elizabeth is not mentioned in these wills)	
PAULUS b.July 8,1738	PAUL (21)	
BARBARA b.Sept.21,1740	BARBARA (single)(19)	BARBARA (28)(wife of I.Hunsicker)
CHRISTIAN b.Jan.30,1743	CHRISTIAN (16)	(not mentioned)
(name lost) b.July 17,1745	JACOB (14)	JACOB (23)
(name lost) b.June 8,1750	KATHERINE (9)	CATHERINE (18)
(name lost) b.May 2,1753	ESTHER (6)	ESTHER (15)
MICHAEL (lost) 1758	MICHAEL (2)	MICHAEL (10)

Jacob Greter's will leaves some property to his wife and to his sons, John and Paul and to heirs of daughter Mary, late wife of Jacob Meyer; remainder to be divided in 9 equal parts for heirs of Mary and 8 other children as listed above. The will implies that the other children, Barbara to Michael, are not of age and says they are to get part of their legacy when they become of age and the balance when the youngest reaches the age of 12.

Paul Greter's will leaves his property to his brothers, John, Jacob and Michael and to the heirs of his sister Mary, late wife of Jacob Meyer and to his sister Barbara, wife of Isaac Hunsicker and to his sisters, Catherine and Esther, who are not of age.

It would seem from the above chart that Jacob Greter b.1729, evidently died in infancy and that another child was given the same name; that Elizabeth died before 1760 and that Christian died before 1768, both without issue. It is unfortunate that three names were lost from the Bible record; however the fact that Jacob was not of age in 1760 and was of age in 1768 and that Catherine and Esther appear in same order in both wills seems to prove that these three names are correctly placed in the above groups.

GENEALOGY - DESCENDANTS OF JACOB GRETER
FIRST GENERATION

- 1 JACOB GRETER came to America before 1720; as an inhabitant of Colebrook Valley he was one of the signers of a petition to Gov. Patrick Gordon, dated May 10, 1720, asking for protection from the Indians. Nothing further is known of him. His widow, Elizabeth, married Christian Allebach, yeoman, of Lower Salford Twp., Phila. Co. (now in Mont. Co.) Pa. Christian Allebach died leaving a will dated Aug. 6, 1746 and proved Sept. 10, 1746 naming his step-children, Jacob, Martin and Barbara Greder.

Children of JACOB and ELIZABETH GRETER were:

- 2 JACOB d. 1760
3 MARTIN who m. Veronica, maiden name unknown. NFI
4 BARBARA NFI

SECOND GENERATION

- 2 JACOB GRETER (Jacob) who died Feb. 19, 1760; he was naturalized June 21, 1743; m. Mary Friedt (dau. of Paulus and Elizabeth Stauffer Friedt); he was a weaver, miller and farmer and had a mill and a 220 acre farm along the Perkiomen River. There is a house built from the remains of an old mill that is said to have been this mill. Gratersford was named for this Jacob Greter as he is the Jacob Kreater mentioned on highway signs at the edge of this borough. Not far from this borough is located the Gratersford Penitentiary of Pennsylvania.

Children (11)

- 5 JACOB b. May 25, 1729; prb. d. in infancy.
6 MARY b. Apr. 18, 1751; d. before 1760; m. Jacob Meyer.
7 JOHN b. Apr. 10, 1734; d. 1818.
8 ELIZABETH b. Feb. 29, 1736; d. before 1760 without issue
9 PAUL b. July 8, 1758; d. 1768 without issue.
10 BARBARA b. Sept. 21, 1740; m. Nov. 5, 1761 Isaac Hunsicker b. Sept. 28, 1738; d. Feb. 23, 1828.
11 CHRISTIAN b. Jan. 30, 1743; prb. d. before 1768.
12 JACOB b. July 17, 1745. (see page 4) NFI
13 CATHERINE b. June 8, 1750; NFI
14 ESTHER b. May 2, 1755; NFI
15 MICHAEL b. 1758; d. 1832; no issue.

THIRD GENERATION

- 7 JOHN GRETER (Jacob, Jacob) b. Apr. 10, 1734 in Pennsylvania; d. about 1818 as will was proved Mar. 27, 1818; bur. at Lower Skippack Meeting House but headstone is in very poor condition and dates are illegible; m. Margaret, maiden name unknown, b. 1741; d. 1809.
Children (see next page)

THIRD GENERATION

7 Children of JOHN and MARGARET GRETER (7):

- 16 MARY b.Oct.19,1760; m.Frederick K.Hubler
- 17 JACOB b.Oct.1,1763; d.May 28,1764.
- 18 JOHN b.July 13,1765.
- 19 ABRAHAM b.Apr.19,1768; d.Oct.4,1832.
- 20 CATHERINE b.May 23,1771; m.Dillman Zeigler.
- 21 LEWIS b.Jan.5,1773; d.Feb.19,1847.
- 22 ELIZABETH b.Apr.6,1779; m.Henry Hallman.

FOURTH GENERATION

18 JOHN GRETER (John, Jacob, Jacob) b.July 13,1765; changed his name to JOHN CRATER; m.Apr.14,1791 Christine Neuman; Children surnamed CRATER (10);

- 23 ABRAHAM b.Mar.2,1792
- 24 JACOB b.Dec.28,1793; NFI
- 25 PHILIP b.1796.
- 26 JOHN b.Nov.27,1797.
- 27 DAVID b.Feb.15,1800; d.1893.
- 28 CATHERINE b.Oct.19,1802; m.John Young.
- 29 ELIZABETH b.Feb.3,1805; d.Aug.27,1805.
- 30 HENRY b.Mar.22,1808; d.Dec.1815.
- 31 ISRAEL b.Feb.18,1812; NFI

19 ABRAHAM GRETER (John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Apr.19,1768; d.Oct.4,1832 and buried at Lower Skippack Meeting House; m.Apr.6,1797 Molly Cassell (dau.of Rev.Isaac Cassell) b.Dec.20,1775; headstone at Lower Skippack with "M.G." on it but no date probably marks her grave. Children surnamed GRATER (7):

- 32 BARBARA d.1809; single.
- 33 JOHN C. d.about 1876.
- 34 DANIEL d.1824; buried at Lower Skippack. NFI.
- 35 CATHERINE NFI
- 36 ELIZABETH m.Dillman Godshall.
- 37 MARY m.Joseph S.Gotwals.
- 38 ISAAC b.Dec.30,1810; d.Mar.9,1896.

21 LEWIS GRETER (John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Jan.5,1775; d.Feb.19,1847 and buried at Lower Skippack Meeting House; m.May 6,1802 Catherine Hunsicker (dau.of Henry and Esther Detweiler Hunsicker) b.Nov.5,1779; d.Mar.17,1853; changed name to GRATER. Children see next page.

FOURTH GENERATION

21 Children of LEWIS and CATHERINE GRATER (8):

- 39 MARGARET b.Feb.23,1803; m.John S.Alderfer.
- 40 ELIZABETH b.Apr.23,1806; m.John D.Landes.
- 41 HENRY b.Oct.5,1808; d.Aug.22,1886.
- 42 ESTHER b.July 19,1812; d.Nov.22,1880; m.Garrett Staufer.
- 43 ABRAHAM b.Nov.20,1814; d.Mar.24,1903.
- 44 ELIAS b.Dec.24,1816; d.Sept.22,1883.
- 45 JACOB H. b.Feb.23,1819; d.Jan.10,1892.
- 46 CATHERINE b.Apr.21,1821; d.Oct.8,1840; single.

For further information on descendants of Lewis and Catherine Grater see Hunsicker Genealogy.

FIFTH GENERATION

23 ABRAHAM CRATER (John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Mar.2,1792;

Children surnamed CRATER (6):

- 47 EPHRAIM b.May 1,1814; d.Mar.22,1893.
- 48 ELIZABETH b.May 30,1817; d.Dec.7,1834.
- 49 MARGARET b.Sept.10,1818; NFI
- 50 CHRISTIANA b.Sept.10,1818; NFI
- 51 JACOB b.July 1,1820; d.Nov.17,1893
- 52 JOHN b.Feb.22,1822; NFI

25 PHILIP CRATER (John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.1796;
m.Elizabeth, maiden name unknown; moved to Fulton County, Ill.
Children surnamed CRATER (5):

- 53 JOSHUA b.May 6,1818
- 54 JOEL b.Mar.5,1829; d.Mar.12,1905.
- 55 DAVID
- 56 FRANCIS MARION
- 57 ANNA who lived at Salt Lake City.

26 JOHN CRATER (John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Nov.27,1797;
Children surnamed CRATER (5):

- 58 ABRAHAM
- 59 JOHN NFI
- 60 DAVID who lived at Norristown, Pa.
- 61 LEWIS
- 62 HENRY

27 DAVID CRATER (John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Feb.15,1800;d.1893.
Children surnamed CRATER (2):

- 63 SARAH who m. a Mr.Bechtel of Royersford, Pa.
- 64 LAVINA who m. a Mr.Kline.

FIFTH GENERATION

35 JOHN C. GRATER (Abraham, John, Jacob, Jacob) who died about 1876 (see Will Book 14 page 384 Mont. Co. Pa.) m. Mary Markley; Children surnamed GRATER (8):

- 65 JESSIE
- 66 PHILIP
- 67 AMOS m. Lizzie Schultz; lived in Illinois.
- 68 JOHN m. Mary Stoltz.
- 69 SARAH m. Abraham Koons of Cedar, Pa.
- 70 ANNA m. Rev. Jonas Ferguson Yerger of Storey City, Ia.
- 71 MARY
- 72 LYDIA m. Fred Dutcher, of Mulvern, Illinois.

38 ISAAC GRATER (Abraham, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Dec. 30, 1810; d. Mar. 9, 1896; m. 1st on Nov. 18, 1834 to Deborah Groff (dau. of Jacob and Catherine Reiff Groff) b. July 10, 1810; d. Apr. 25, 1858; m. 2nd Elizabeth Hauff (a cousin of his 1st wife) b. Jan. 6, 1816; d. Oct. 15, 1861; all buried at Trappe, Pa. Children 2 by 1st m. and 5 by 2nd m.

- 73 ABRAHAM G. b. Sept. 25, 1835; d. Dec. 7, 1920.
- 74 JOHN G. b. Apr. 13, 1838.

- 75 JONAS who was a lawyer in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 76 WARREN H. b. Feb. 15, 1843; d. Sept. 1886.
For further information on descendants of Warren H. Grater see Hunsicker Genealogy pages 185 and 243.
- 77 ELIZABETH who m. a Mr. Foose.

SIXTH GENERATION

47 EPHRAIM CRATER (Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. May 1, 1814; d. Mar. 22, 1895; lived at Phoenixville, Pa.; m. Susan Longacre. Children (8):

- 78 HENRY L. b. Oct. 7, 1837; d. Oct. 17, 1872.
- 79 LAVINA b. Aug. 21, 1839; m. Joseph Lukens.
- 80 ANNA b. Sept. 10, 1841; m. Jacob Nyman.
- 81 LEWIS b. Aug. 9, 1843; d. Sept. 2, 1919.
- 82 CATHERINE ELIZABETH b. Jan. 3, 1846; m. Joseph Nyman
- 83 JACOB LONGACRE b. Feb. 10, 1847; d. Apr. 19, 1918.
- 84 DAVID LONGACRE b. Nov. 28, 1850; d. Jan. 1, 1919.
- 85 ABRAHAM L. b. Sept. 18, 1853; d. Nov. 9, 1873.

51 JACOB CRATER (Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. July 1, 1820; d. Nov. 17, 1893; m. Sarah Funk. Children (13):

- 86 ABRAHAM b. Apr. 20, 1859; d. May 31, 1864 while in army.
- 87 ELIZABETH b. Oct. 2, 1840; m. Isaac Rodegeb.
- 88 CATHERINE b. Feb. 24, 1842; d. Oct. 19, 1844.
- 89 JOHN b. Oct. 24, 1843.

SIXTH GENERATION

51 Children of JACOB and SARAH FUNK CRATER continued:

- 90 MARY ANN b.Aug.24,1845; m.Henry Motts.
- 91 SUSANNA b.May 24,1847; d.Aug.26,1869.
- 92 EPHRAIM b.Oct.24,1849
- 93 DAVID b.Sept.19,1851
- 94 EMELINE b.Aug.28,1853; m.Henry W.Reed.
- 95 LAVINA b.June 23,1855; m.Tobias Holderman.
- 96 LEVI b.Dec.1,1858.
- 97 JACOB b.July 8,1860.
- 98 SARAH F. b.Aug.21,1863; d.Oct.28,1863.

53 JOSHUA CRATER (Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.May 6, 1818; m.1840 Catherine Knerr; moved to Fulton Co., Ill. about 1851. Children (9):

- 99 SARAH who m. a Mr.Nicholson of Lewiston, Ill.
- 100 ELIZABETH m.Robert Eaton of Poplar City, Ill.
- 101 MARION FREMONT
- 102 EMMA m. a Mr.Watson.
- 103 VICTORIA
- 104 MARY VIRGIVIA
- 105 ELMIRA
- 106 WINFIELD TAYLOR
- 107 CLARA ALICE

54 JOEL CRATER (Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Mar.5, 1829; d.Mar.12,1905; m.1st Anna Debling; m.2nd Annie Root b.Apr.27,1830; d.Aug.14,1889 in Mason Co.,Ill. He moved from Montgomery Co., Pa. to Havanna Co.,Ill. about 1862. He was a carpenter and a farmer. Children all by 2nd m.(8):

- 108 DAVID b.Nov.6,1854.
- 109 MARY b.Mar.26,1856; single.
- 110 SARAH b.Jan.30,1858; m.Jacob Yetler
- 111 WILLIAM ROOT b.June 16,1860; single.
- 112 CLARA b.Mar.25,1862; m.Frank M.Hogan.
- 113 JOEL TAYLOR b.Dec.19,1865; single.
- 114 PHILIP MORTON b.Sept.10,1866.
- 115 ADDIEL b.Apr.30,1870; m.Casper Fisk.

58 ABRAHAM C.CRATER (John, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) lived in Juniata Co., Pa. After his children were born moved to Newton, Kansas. Name of wife unknown. Children (4):

- 116 ISRAEL b.Nov.14,1844
- 116A ELIZABETH b.Aug.25,1847; d.Dec.12,1890;m.Aug.12, 1873 Rev.Samuel Stephens.
- 117 JOHN b.Jan.9,1850.
- 117A ADDIE b.Jan.30,1853; m.Samuel A.Brown of Newton, Kansas and had two children.

SIXTH GENERATION

- 61 LEWIS CRATER (John, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) who lived in Juanita Co., Pa. He was killed in the Civil War. m. Hannah Hostetler who d. at East Salem, Pa. Jan. 1902.
Children (4):

118 DAVID

119 ALVIN who d. single.

120 SARAH b. Oct. 16, 1859; m. Apr. 6, 1878 Samuel Evans Shurtz

121 WILLIAM HENRY b. Nov. 30, 1862.

- 62 HENRY CRATER (John, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) who lived at Parkers Ford, Pa. Wife's name unknown.
Children (2):

122 ELLA who m. a Mr. Walt at Parkers Ford, Pa.

123 WARREN NFI

- 73 ABRAHAM G. GRATER (Isaac, Abraham, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Sept. 25, 1835; d. Dec. 7, 1920; m. Feb. 8, 1860 Hannah Umstead b. Apr. 13, 1839; d. Mar. 17, 1912. He was president of the GRATER-BODEY Company of Norristown, Pa. where he lived. Both buried at Trappe, Pa.
Children (5):

124 MINERVA JANE b. May 19, 1864; m. William C. Yost.

125 CATHERINE b. July 24, 1867; d. Aug. 28, 1870.

126 URSINUS b. Dec. 1, 1871.

127 CAROLINE b. Apr. 9, 1875; d. Sept. 13, 1875.

128 MARION IOLA b. May 21, 1875; m. Roswell C. McCrea

- 74 JOHN G. GRATER (Isaac, Abraham, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Apr. 13, 1838; m. 1st Dec. 10, 1864 Louisa R. Place b. Apr. 6, 1846; d. Apr. 12, 1884; she was dau. of Israel and Hannah Rosenberry Place; he m. 2nd Susan Peale Handel b. Mar. 20, 1848. He lived at Philadelphia, Pa.
Children 9 by 1st m. and 1 by 2nd m.:

129 JONAS P. b. Nov. 21, 1865; d. Feb. 15, 1867. (a)

130 WARREN P. b. Feb. 1, 1867; d. May 15, 1867. (a)

131 FRANKLIN P. b. Dec. 20, 1868; d. Dec. 12, 1871. (a)

132 EMMA P. b. Apr. 26, 1870; m. George Oxenford.

133 ISAAC P. b. Nov. 12, 1871; m. Annie Kauffman.

134 LIZZIE P. b. Oct. 26, 1877; d. Jan. 29, 1881. (a)

135 ESTELLA P. b. Aug. 25, 1879; d. June 14, 1895.

136 JOHN P. b. Oct. 27, 1880; d. Nov. 15, 1880. (a)

137 BERTHA P. b. Nov. 20, 1882; d. Jan. 8, 1884. (a)

Those marked (a) are buried at Trappe, Pa.

See 4th paragraph page 1.

138 ANNIE P. b. Jan. 6, 1888; m. Darlington Pollock.

SEVENTH GENERATION

78 HENRY L. CRATER (Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob)
b.Oct.7,1837; d.Oct.17,1872; m.Sophia Weidel.
Children (3):

139 LAURA W. b.Sept.26,1861; m.Charles Stroh.

140 WILLIAM LINCOLN b.Oct.3,1865

141 GRANT W. b.June 25,1869; d.June 17,1883.

81 LEWIS CRATER (Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob)
b.Aug.9,1843; d.Sept.?,1919 and buried at Reading, Pa.;
m.Sept.21,1865 Rosa C.Lowe (dau.of James and Mary Lowe)
b.1841; d.Nov.14,1921. He was 1st lieut. and later Adjutant
of 50th Reg. Penna. Vet. Vols. during Civil War. He was
author of "History of Greter, Grater or Crater Family",
"50th Reg.Penna" and "St.Peters M.E.Church".
Children (4):

142 EMMA MAY b.Jan.9,1867; m.June 24,1897 to Arthur E.
Suter of Zurich, Switzerland.

143 MARY MINERVA b.June 20,1869; single. Lived (1934)
at Reading, Pa.

144 ANNIE LULU b.Sept.21,1870; d.Jan.15,1875.

145 MORTON MURREY b.Jan.14,1872.

83 JACOB LONGACRE CRATER (Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob,
Jacob) b.Feb.10,1847; d.Apr.19,1918; m.Mar.3,1867 Annie
Provinse (dau.of William and Jan Provinse) b.Oct.19,1847;
d.Dec.1,1919; both buried at Parkers Ford, Pa.
Children (10):

146 HARRY EPHRAIM b.Oct.24,1867; d.Feb.24,1907; single

147 ROBERT CLARK b.Dec.6,1869.

148 IRA TITUS b.Feb.7,1872; d.Mar.12,1878.

149 EDITH MAY b.June 24,1873; d.Mar.12,1878

150 CORA ESTELLA b.May 22,1877; d.Mar.31,1878.

151 MARGARET EMILY b.Jan.7,1879.

152 DORA BLANCHE b.Nov.20,1882; d.Feb.7,1904.

153 IDA KATE b.Apr.23,1885; m.Oct.9,1908 Harold G.Land
(s.of Elwood Land) b.July 19,1885.

154 MARY JENNIE b.Mar.17,1887; d.Oct.27,1914.

155 ANNIE LILLIAN b.July 5,1888; m.June 7,1913
Raymond Umstead (s.of John) b.Dec.27,1887. 4 Ch.

84 DAVID LONGACRE CRATER (Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob,
Jacob) b.Nov.28,1850; d.Jan.1,1919 and buried at Cold Point
Baptist Cemetery, Montgomery Co., Pa.; m.Dec.23,1876 Adel-
iza Greene (dau.of Carlo and Hannah Greene) b.Oct.29,1854.
Children (6):

156 JOSIE ADELIA b.Sept.20,1877; m.Aug.19,1910 Harvey
Monks (s.of Wesley) b.Apr.25,1885; 2 ch.

157 ERNEST b.Aug.23,1878; d.Aug.23,1878.

SEVENTH GENERATION

84 Children of DAVID LONGACRE and ADELIZA GREENE CRATER continued;

- 158 ALICE MINERVA b.Nov.25,1879; single.
- 159 ELSIE MABEL b.May 15,1882; d.June 20,1885.
- 160 LEWIS GREENE b.Apr.3,1885; m.July 7,1932
Marjorie Peebles Cochrane. He is a school teacher
and lived (1934) in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 161 BESSIE BELL b.Oct.12,1890; m.July 2,1915 George
Elwood Hetherington (s.of George) b.Oct.21,1888. 5 ch.

92 EPHRAIM CRATER (Jacob, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Oct.24,1849; m.1st Mar.3,1872 Estella Terwilleger; m.2nd May 4,1884 Amanda Swihart. Children 3 by 1st m. and 2 by 2nd m.:

- 162 ELSIE SILAS b.Nov.14,1875; d.Sept.20,1878.
- 163 SARAH DESDEMONA b.Feb.21,1878; d.Feb.21,1878.
- 164 ABRAM CLYDE b.Aug.5,1881. NFI

- 165 NANCY EDITH b.Feb.11,1885. NFI
- 166 WILLIAM HARRY b.July 24,1888. NFI

96 LEVI CRATER (Jacob, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Dec.1,1858 near Tiffen, Ohio; m.Dec.25,1883 Christiana Crull (dau.of David and Christina Crull) who d. Mar.1, 1915. He was an electrical engineer. Children (7):

- 167 ETHEL ADELL b.Dec.14,1884; d.June 21,1906.
- 168 NELLIE FERN b.Aug.16,1886; m.Harry R.Maley. Lived
(1934) at Columbus, Ind.
- 169 BERNIE LEORA b.June 24,1889; m.Cander C.Lortz.
Lived (1934) at Franklin, Ind.
- 170 NITTA MAY b.May 8,1893; d.June 21,1894.
- 171 HERBERT IRA b.Apr.2,1898; d.Aug.23,1899.
- 172 HAROLD CRULL b.Apr.29,1896.
- 173 QUINCY MONROE b.Sept.18,1902 at Quincy, Mich. m.
June 5,1931 Rubye Lou Shumaker b.May 25,1908. He
lived (1934) in Chicago, Ill.

101 MARION FREMONT CRATER (Joshua, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) Wife's name unknown. Children (6):

- 174 EVERETT
- 175 LLOYD
- 176 THOMAS WALTER
- 177 GOSTA BLANCHE
- 178 PHILIP FREMONT
- 179 ROSS

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- 108 DAVID CRATER (Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob)
b.Nov.6,1854 at Havana, Ill. m.Mar.27,1879 Eliza N.
Nichols b.Apr.10,1863. Moved to Ravenswood, Mo. in
March 1885 where they lived in 1934. He was a farmer.
Children (4):
- 180 ALFRED BRUCE b.May 25,1880.
181 DAVID REESE b.Sept.29,1882.
182 FRANK MILTON b.Aug.22,1887.
183 ROBERT TAYLOR b.May 17,1890.
- 114 PHILIP MILTON CRATER (Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob,
Jacob) b.Sept.10,1866; m.Lena Wiseman. Lived (1934) at
Havana, Ill.
Children (3):
- 184 RALPH married but no issue (1934)
185 PAUL single in 1934.
186 ARNOLD single in 1934.
- 116 ISRAEL CRATER (Abraham C., John, John, John, Jacob, Jacob)
b.Nov.14,1844 in Juniata Co., Pa.; m.Nov.27,1875 Martha J.
Clark. Lived at Holyoke, Colorado.
Children (3):
- 187 ADDIE V. b.Nov.15,1874.
188 REBECCA R. b.June 28,1878.
189A GRACE T. b.Nov.17,1881.
- 117 JOHN CRATER (Abraham C., John, John, John, Jacob, Jacob)
b.Jan.9,1850 in Juniata Co., Pa.; m.Aug.20,1876 Violet
M.Clark. Lived in Holyoke, Colorado.
Children (4):
- 189A ALVAH CLARK b.Sept.8,1877; d.Aug.30,1880.
189B EDWIN LEWIS b.Jan.10,1879; d.Mar.10,1881.
190 LULU MAY b.Aug.14,1881.
190A ESTHER MYRTLE b.Mar.16,1886.
- 118 DAVID CRATER (Lewis, John, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) who
lived at Richfield, Pa. Wife's name unknown.
Children (2):
- 191 DAISY who m.George Ehrensellers
192 MAURICE (dec'd)
- 121 WILLIAM HENRY CRATER (Lewis, John, John, John, Jacob,
Jacob) b.Nov.30,1862; m.Sept.18,1890 Rose Slaey (dau.of
Barney and Annie Grady Slaey) of Prairie City, Ill.
Children (4):
- 193 FRANCES ELLA b.Dec.21,1891.
194 EDITH b.Apr.25,1895; d.Apr.25,1895.
195 RUTH EVELYN b.July 7,1898.
196 WILLIAM HENRY b.Dec.31,1907.

SEVENTH GENERATION

126 URSINUS GRATER (Abraham G., Isaac, Abraham, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Dec. 1, 1871; m. Sept. 7, 1904 Lillian Edmonston (dau. of John A. and Sarah A. Edmonston) b. May 7, 1877. He was supt. at Grater-Bodey Co. Norristown, Pa. (1919). Child:

197 EVA E. b. Jan. 11, 1908.

EIGHTH GENERATION

140 WILLIAM LINCOLN CRATER (Harry L., Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Oct. 3, 1865; m. Dec. 15, 1887 Alice Blanchford (dau. of William and Mary Blanchford) b. Sept. 22, 1867 at Fremont, Pa. Children (4):

198 MARY BLANCHFORD b. Dec. 1, 1888; m. Dec. 22, 1906 John Bullock (s. of Bayard) b. July 7, 1883. 3 ch.

199 HARRY GRANT b. Mar. 6, 1890.

200 SADIE VIOLA b. Feb. 13, 1892; m. John Godshall (s. of Harry) 1 ch.

201 LeROY b. Aug. 20, 1894; d. June 24, 1895.

145 MORTON MURREY CRATER (Lewis, Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Jan. 11, 1872; m. Katherine E. Strodack. Lived in Manatee, Florida in 1934. Children (2):

202 PAUL LEWIS b. Nov. 4, 1895

203 MARY IRENE b. May 7, 1910.

147 ROBERT CLARK CRATER (Jacob Longacre, Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Dec. 6, 1869; m. Oct. 30, 1900 Viola Simons Souder (dau. of H. Bertram Souder) b. May 6, 1882. Children (2):

204 ALZIRA SOUDER b. July 1, 1902

205 BLANCHE WARINGTON b. Apr. 17, 1904.

172 HAROLD CRULL CRATER (Levi, Jacob, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. Apr. 29, 1896 at Mishuwaka, Ind.; m. Helene Williams of Bedford, Ind. He was Supt. of Schools at Brooks, Ind. in 1934. Child.

206 HAROLD CRULL b. June 10, 1932

180 ALFRED BRUCE CRATER (David, Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b. May 25, 1880 at Havana, Ill. m. Effie Lin Davis. He was a farmer and lived (1934) at Ravenswood, Mo. Children (5)

207 MYRON L. m. Mary E. _____ and lived in California (1934)

208 HOWARD B. married and had one son in 1934.

209 RAYMOND single in 1934.

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180 Children of ALFRED BRUCE and EFFIE DAVIS CRATER continued:

210 ELINOR single 1934.

211 WILBER single 1934.

181 DAVID REESE CRATER (David, Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Sept.29,1882 at Havana, Ill.; m.Pheobe Walker. In 1934 farmer at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Children (2):

212 EARL EVANS b.1903; in 1937 was manager Pig and Whistle, Dallas, Texas. married but no children.

213 CURTIS ADRAN b.1908.

182 FRANK MILTON CRATER (David, Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Aug.22,1887 at Ravenswood, Mo.; m.Viola Zedigar; Lived in Pasadena, Cal., in 1937. Children (3) all born in California.

214 DAVID MILTON b.Nov.2,1917

215 DONALD EDGAR b.Jan.27,1919

216 RICHARD BRUCE b.Jan.17,1923.

183 ROBERT TAYLOR CRATER (David, Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.May 17,1890 at Ravenswood, Mo., m.Cet.11, 1916 Alma Hawks who d.Jan.26,1924. He lived at St.Joseph, Missouri in 1934. Children (3):

217 EDNA FLORINE b.Nov.2,1917.

218 NORMAN TAYLOR b.Dec.10,1919.

219 JAMES GALAND b.June 23,1923.

NINTH GENERATION

199 HARRY GRANT CRATER (William Lincoln, Harry L., Ephraim, Abraham, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.Mar.6,1890; m. Elsie Dubson b.May 31,1892 at Spring City, Pa. Child:

220 WILMA b.Oct.3,1922.

213 CURTIS ADRAN CRATER (David Reese, David, Joel, Philip, John, John, Jacob, Jacob) b.1908; m. and lived (1934) at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Children (3):

221 CURTIS

222 DAVID

223 SHIRLEY LEE

WHO ARE THEY ?

BRANCHES - CONNECTIONS UNKNOWN

The geographical location of the following families suggests that very likely they were connected in some way with the Greter family and that they too may be descendants of Jacob Greter. Further information regarding any of the following families, their ancestry or their descendants is desired and will be appreciated.

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- A-1 JACOB CRATOR who lived in Perkiomen and Skippack Townships and died in 1822. His will mentions wife, Catherine and two children, son, JOHN and daughter, CATHERINE STEIGNOR. Administrators were friends, Martin Funk and Christian Stegnor. (Is he the Jacob Greter b. July 17, 1745 ?)
- B-1 LEVI CRATER who moved from Skippack Township in Mont. Co., Pa. to Pikeland Township in Chester Co. where he purchased land and a mill site on Pickering Creek from Joseph Pennypacker. He m. Hannah, maiden name unknown. Children order of birth unknown.
- B-2 PERCIVAL b. Oct. 5, 1856; d. Mar. 27, 1894.
- B-3 SYLVESTER
- B-4 ANN ELIZABETH b. 1841; d. 1912.
- B-5 JOHN who was drowned in a mill race.
- B-6 HANNAH who married a Mr. Stafford.
- B-7 KATE
- B-8 ELMIRA who married a Mr. Emory.
- B-2 PERCIVAL CRATER (Levi) had a farm and a mill at Espyville, Crawford Co., Pa. He served in Civil War. Children order of birth uncertain.
- B-9 HARRY (now dec'd) 2 ch. BERYL and IDA
- B-10 MOLLY who married a Mr. Snyder and had 5 children Nellie, Vira and Veda. Lived in Wyoming.
- B-11 FAY E. of Casper, Wyoming.
- B-12 BERT who lived near Philadelphia, Pa.
- B-13 LEE who lived in the west.
- B-3 SYLVESTER CRATER (Levi) lived at Espyville, Pa. and had at least 1 child.
- B-14 BYRON G. CRATER b. Oct. 28, 1869.
- B-4 ANN ELIZABETH CRATER (Levi) married George P. Groves b. 1843; d. 1926. Lived in eastern Pennsylvania. Children (5) surnamed GROVES:
- B-15 MARY ANN who m. a Mr. Craig. She was b. 1866; d. 1927.
- B-16 LILLIAN b. 1868; m. Henry Benner Prentzel b. 1866; d. 1926. Mrs. Prentzel lived in Upper Darby, Pa. in 1937. Ch. EVA MAUD, HAROLD THOMPSON and LILLIAN BELLE.

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B-4 Children of ANN ELIZABETH CRATER and GEORGE P.GROVES continued.

B-17 JAMES EDWIN b.1873; d.1936.

B-18 GEORGE PERCIVAL

B-19 FRANK P. b.1880; d.1936

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B-14 BYRON G.CRATER (Sylvester, Levi) lived in Cleveland, Ohio in 1938. m.1st Margaret B.Ziegler (dau.of Augustus S.Ziegler) b.Jan.20,1868; d.Mar.8,1891; m.2nd Alice Alberta Peck b.Apr.24,1870; d.Sept.27,1906; m.3rd Catherine _____ who d.Apr.24,1934. Children 1 by 1st m. and 2 by 2nd m.:

B-20 IRENE b.Dec.12,1888.

B-21 GRACE ESTELLA b.Oct.15,1899; m.Norman Deunk; 4 ch.

B-22 KENNETH PECK b.July 7,1901; m. and lived (1937) in California. No ch. 1937.

C-1 (First name unknown) CRATER had the following children order of birth unknown.

C-2 HARRY C.

C-3 EMANUEL

C-4 KATE

C-5 ANNIE

C-6 MATTIE

C-2 HARRY C.CRATER lived at Linfield, Pa.; d.Jan.20,1908 and buried at Limerick, Pa.; m.Emma Christian (dau.of George) Children (2)

C-7 WILLIS b.Dec.26,1861 at Bethlehem, Pa.; d.Apr. 13, 1931.

C-8 HARRY C.

C-7 WILLIS CRATER (Harry C.) m.Catherine Smith (dau.of Hil-ory Smith) and b. in Perkiomenville, Pa. Children (6):

C-9 HENRY SMITH b.Mar.15,1886.

C-10 HARVEY

C-11 ESTHER

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C-9 HENRY SMITH CRATER (Willis, Harry C.) m. Florence Taggart (dau. of Wm) b. Oct. 8, 1892 at Kenilworth, Pa. They were married on July 21, 1914; he was a machinist and they lived (1938) in Detroit, Mich. children (5):

C-15 VIRGINIA b. Dec. 10, 1918
C-16 GERALDINE b. Mar. 22, 1921.
C-17 WILLIS b. June 27, 1922.
C-18 SHIRLEY b. Nov. 14, 1923
C-19 HENRY b. May 15, 1930.

D-1 (First name unknown) CRATER lived in eastern Pa. and had at least two children:

D-2 JONATHAN

D-3 LIBBY (Possible ELIZABETH) who m. a Mr. Clewell.

D-2 JONATHAN CRATER m. Elda Kuhns and had at least one son;

D-4 WINFIELD SCOTT b. Jan. 22, 1881; d. Oct. 8, 1918.

D-4 WINFIELD SCOTT CRATER (Jonathan) b. Jan. 22, 1881; d. Oct. 8, 1918; m. July 7, 1906 Adelaide _____.
Had one daughter:

D-5 ELDA ELIZABETH b. May 19, 1916. Adopted by her step-father, C. J. Brunel of Narbreth, Pa.

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