

The author lists Milton S. Hershey's ancestors in ahnentafel format and supplies links to common ancestors found in previous "Readers' Ancestry" articles.

Hershey Family

## Milton Snavely Hershey's Mennonite Ancestry

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Milton S. Hershey (no. 1) at seven years of age

Milton Snavely Hershey was born on September 13, 1857, on the Hershey family homestead in Derry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. His great-grandparents Isaac and Anna Hershey built the limestone farmhouse in 1826. Milton had only one sibling, a sister named Sarena (1862-1867), who died while the family was living at Nine Points in Bart Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In 1898 Milton married Catherine Sweeney of Jamestown, New York, who died at forty-three years of age with an undefined degenerative disease of the nervous system. The couple never

had any children of their own, but with their endowment of the Deed of Trust in 1909, the Milton S. Hershey School has provided homes, education, and opportunities for thousands of orphaned children.

As a child Milton Hershey attended worship services with his mother in the Reformed Mennonite Church, where his maternal grandfather, Abraham Snavely, served as a minister and bishop. As an adult Milton never became a member of any established denomination or congregation; however, he said that he "always considered himself to be a Mennonite."<sup>2</sup> On September 13, 1945, he celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday at the homestead in the room where he was born. On October 13, 1945, Milton Hershey died in the Hershey Hospital, located across the street from his birthplace.

1. **HERSHEY**, Milton Snavely, b. Sept. 13, 1857; d. Oct. 13, 1945; m. May 25, 1898, St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Catherine<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Sweeney, July 6, 1872-Mar. 25, 1915, dau. Michael William Sweeney and Catherine Elizabeth Maloney, an Irish Catholic family from Jamestown, N.Y.; both bu. Hershey Cem., Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., north of Hershey, Pa.

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Milton Snavely Hershey (no. 1) at the age of fifty-three

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In addition to the usual *ahnentafel* numbering, I have used a binary system described by Raymond C. Rhodes in *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* (hereafter *PMH*) 27 (October 2004): 38. This system uses 1 for a male ancestor and 0 for a female ancestor. Therefore, 001 represents Milton Hershey's mother's mother's father.

<sup>2</sup>Joseph A. Brechbill, *It Was Kitty's Idea* (Hershey, Pa.: Evangel Press, 2004), 89.

<sup>3</sup>On some documents, including the Deed of Trust, her name is spelled as Catharine. Brechbill, *Kitty's Idea*, 280.

- G23 Jacob Huber  
 G24 John Huber  
 G25 Ann Huber  
   m. Martin Houser  
 G26 Christian Huber  
 G27 Barbara Huber  
   m. Jacob Rice  
 G28 Abraham Huber; coexecutor of Henry Good's estate  
 G29 Magdalena Huber  
   m. Henry Rohrer  
 G2a Peter Huber  
 G2b Feronica *née* Huber  
   m. George Huber  
 G3 Feronica Good, ca. 1738-ca. Nov. 22, 1784<sup>250</sup>  
   m. Ulrich Huber, d. ca. Oct. 16, 1783;\* Lampeter Twp.<sup>251</sup>  
 G31 David Huber; "eldest son"  
 G32 Daniel Huber; lived in Conestoga Twp., 1810 census  
 G33 Barbara Huber  
   m. Christian Rine  
 G34 Henry Huber; coexecutor of Henry Good's estate<sup>252</sup>  
 G35 Michael Huber, d. by 1801<sup>253</sup>  
   m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 G355 Susanna Huber; a minor in 1801; David and  
   Henry Huber, guardians of Susanna  
 G36 Moses Huber
- Gall Family**<sup>254</sup>
- GA1 Henry Gall, Jan. 29, 1734-Mar. 3, 1820; 10 ch.  
   m. Nov. 28, 1762, Catherine Kendig, Feb. 10, 1741-Feb. 19,  
   1811; bu. Herr/Kendig/Spahr Cem.<sup>255</sup>  
 GA11 Catherine Gall, b. Oct. 26, 1763  
   m. \_\_\_\_\_ Newcomer  
 GA12 John Gall, b. May 13, 1766; infant  
 GA13 Jacob Gall, Aug. 1, 1768-Apr. 11, 1847; twin  
   m. Mar. 27, 1804, Elizabeth Hess, July 25, 1781-Sept.  
   22, 1861  
 GA131 Nancy Gall, b. Dec. 24, 1802  
 GA132 Henry Hess Gall, May 2, 1809-Sept. 18, 1853  
   m. Nov. 8, 1836, Anna/Nancy Frey, Sept. 3, 1816-  
   Mar. 1, 1903  
 GA1321 Baby Daughter, + d. 1827; probably still-  
   born; niece of Martin Gall  
 GA1322 Samuel Frey Gall, Nov. 3, 1838-Aug. 23,  
   1928; Willow Street, Pa.  
   m. Dec. 5, 1872, Elizabeth G. Brenneman,  
   Feb. 21, 1850-Mar. 8, 1921; dau. Jacob  
   Brenneman and Ann Groff  
 GA133 Elizabeth Gall, b. Apr. 2, 1812  
 GA134 Jacob Hess Gall, b. June 21, 1813  
   m. Nov. 12, 1859, Esther Lefevre  
 GA135 Samuel Gall, b. May 30, 1815  
 GA136 Abraham Gall, b. May 25, 1819  
 GA14 John Gall, Aug. 1, 1768-July 18, 1821; twin; Cones-  
   toga Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.  
   m. Nov. 8, 1795 (license), Trinity Lutheran Church,  
   Maria Bender; dau. Christian Bender  
 GA141 Margaret Gall, b. Nov. 21, 1796  
 GA142 Catherine Gall, Dec. 24, 1798-July 9, 1881  
   m. 1818 Jacob Heiney  
 GA143 Maria Gall, b. May 23, 1800  
   m. June 13, 1820, Christian Haverstick  
 GA144 George Gall, July 28, 1802-May 6, 1845; Man-  
   heim Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.  
   m. June 17, 1824, KP111.2 Barbara Keeports,  
   1805-1898; dau. Daniel Keeports and Barbara  
   GA1441 Mary Gall, b. Aug. 22, 1825  
   GA1442 Daniel Gall, b. Dec. 15, 1827  
   GA1443 Eli Gall, b. June 11, 1830  
 GA1444 Elizabeth Gall, b. Sept. 24, 1832  
 GA1445 Barbara Gall, b. Oct. 20, 1833  
 GA1446 John Gall, b. June 28, 1836  
 GA1447 Susan Gall, b. Feb. 11, 1839  
 GA1448 George Gall, b. Mar. 3, 1842  
 GA1449 Samuel K. Gall, May 3, 1845-Apr. 13, 1927;  
   Civil War veteran, Co. G. 195 Reg-  
   iment, Pa.  
   m. Martha E. Seilhamer<sup>256</sup>  
 GA145 Elizabeth Gall, Nov. 1, 1803-Aug. 2, 1826  
 GA146 Sarah Gall, b. Mar. 25, 1806  
   m. Apr. 2, 1829, Christian Beck  
 GA15 Henry Gall, Mar. 1, 1771-Nov. 3, 1826  
   m. Elizabeth  
 GA16 Martin Gall, + Mar. 1, 1773-Dec. 8/24, 1842; 7 ch.;  
   Willow Street, Pa.  
   m.(1) Aug. 14, 1804, Nancy/Anna Groff, + Feb. 15,  
   1781-Mar. 6, 1822; dau. John Groff and Susan  
   Kendig  
 GA161 Susanna Gall, b. Apr. 16, 1806  
   m. Sept. 10, 1829, David Rush  
 GA162 Henry Gall, Feb. 2, 1807-Mar. 25, 1888; 3 ch.  
   m. Mar. 6, 1842, Susan Gochenour, Jan. 2, 1813-  
   Mar. 8, 1858  
 GA1621 John Gall, b. Oct. 28, 1844  
   m. Annie Schaub  
 GA1622 Martin Gall, + May 7, 1847-July 26, 1849  
 GA1623 Mary Gall, + Mar. 16, 1850-Mar. 1852  
 GA163 Catharine Gall, b. Jan. 28, 1809  
   m. May 31, 1827, Andreas Tangert  
 GA164 John Gall, b. Aug. 26, 1811  
 GA165 Anna/Nancy Gall, b. Oct. 26, 1813  
   m. Jan. 23, 1838, Jacob Lichty/Light  
 GA166 Elizabeth ("Betsey") Gall, b. Jan. 30, 1817  
   m. Nov. 1, 1836, John Meck  
 GA167 Henry G. Gall, b. Apr. 5, 1818  
 GA16 m.(2) Mar. 15, 1825, wid. Sarah Heidebach; wid. of Jacob  
 GA168 Barbara Gall, b. Jan. 5, 1827; a minor when her  
   father died  
 GA17 Sophia Elizabeth Gall, b. Apr. 25, 1775  
   m. Oct. 12, 1788, Paul Ackerman of Washington Co.,  
   Md.  
 GA18 John Frederick Gall, Feb. 1, 1778-Mar. 16, 1869  
   m. Elizabeth Groff Gochenour, Oct. 8, 1790-June 4, 1880  
 GA19 George David Gall, b. Aug. 18, 1780  
   m. Barbara  
 GA1a Lizbeth Gall, May 7, 1783-Aug. 1, 1853  
   m. Squire John Good □

<sup>250</sup>Bachman, "Coffin List."

<sup>251</sup>Ibid.; Orphans' Court, Miscellaneous Book, 1784-1787, September 6, 1786, 356.

<sup>252</sup>In 1798 Henry Huber is listed as the owner with Henry Good of a barn of stone and log, 70 x 31 ft. The 1798 U.S. Direct Tax, Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pa., Lancaster County Historical Society.

<sup>253</sup>Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families . . . 1790, Pennsylvania* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1908), 130, lists two females living with Henry Good. They may be Michael Huber's widow and Henry Good's grandniece Susanna.

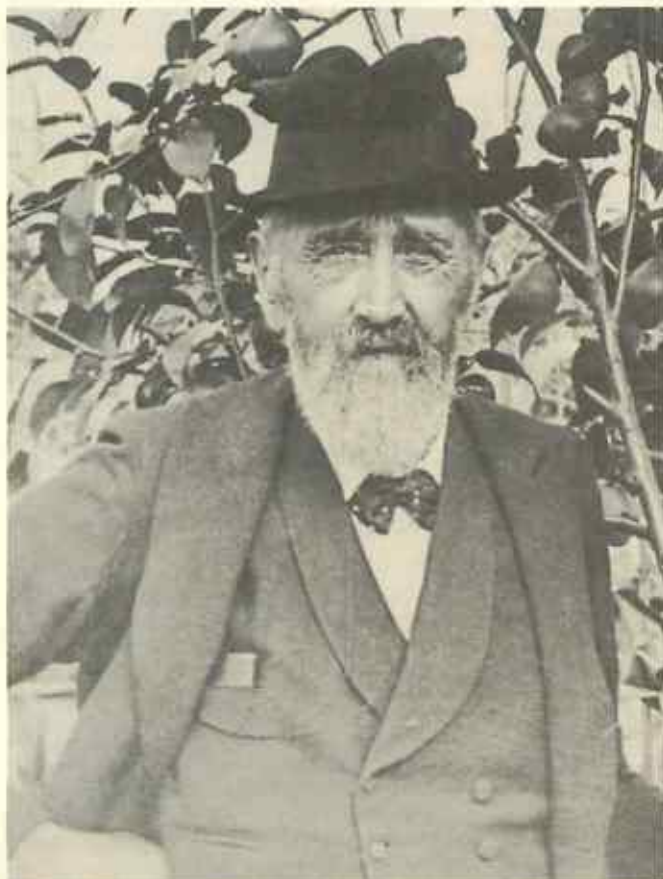
<sup>254</sup>Based on Gall surname files and genealogical card files, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society; Mrs. Henry Brenneman (Geneva) Gall, interviewed by author, Lancaster County, Pa., 1990s. She shared her husband's Gall Bible records and other Gall files.

<sup>255</sup>This property was located about three hundred yards northeast of the former Lancaster Milling Company (Pugh's Mill), but the cemetery was partially destroyed when the Lancaster-Strasburg-Quarryville trolley line was built nearby. Nothing remains of this graveyard today.

<sup>256</sup>Mrs. Henry Brenneman (Geneva) Gall, interviewed by author, Lancaster County, Pa., 1990s.



Milton S. Hershey (no. 1) and his wife, Catherine, in 1910



Henry Hershey Hershey (1829-1904) (no. 2), father of Milton S. Hershey, photographed in 1900 in front of one of his favorite pear trees



Veronica ("Fanny") (Snavely) Hershey (1835-1920) (no. 3), mother of Milton S. Hershey, in 1918 in her back yard on Chocolate Avenue in Hershey, Pennsylvania

2. (1) **HERSHEY**, Henry Hershey,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 4, 1829; d. Feb. 18, 1904; m. Jan. 15, 1856,<sup>5</sup> Veronica Snavely. The family in 1870<sup>6</sup> was living at Nine Points, Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., where Henry was unsuccessful in establishing a nursery business and trout hatchery. He spent the rest of his life traveling around the country, engaging in equally unsuccessful business ventures. He was originally buried in the Hershey Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, Bachmanville Road, east of the town of Hershey, but Milton had his father's body moved to the Hershey Cemetery in 1920. Henry Hershey Hershey has very large gravestones at both cemeteries.

3. (0) **SNAVELY**, Veronica /Fanny, b. Sept. 4, 1835; d. Mar. 11, 1920; member of Hershey Reformed Mennonite Church; bu. Hershey Cem. Fannie and her husband,

<sup>4</sup>Because Henry Hershey's mother was also a Hershey, his middle name was Hershey.

<sup>5</sup>Eleanor G. King, "Snavely Genealogy Report" (typescript, Hershey, Pa.: Hershey Community Archives, n.d.).

<sup>6</sup>U.S. Census, 1870, Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 10.

Henry Hershey Hershey, were estranged but never divorced. While Henry was still alive, she sat in the section of the church reserved for widows.

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4. (11) **HERSHEY**, Jacob Frantz, b. Sept. 22, 1802; d. May 15, 1877; farmer at Hershey homestead, Derry Twp.,<sup>7</sup> bu. Hershey Reformed Mennonite Cem., Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.; m. Nancy *née* Hershey.

5. (10) **HERSHEY**, Nancy, b. Jan. 22, 1808; d. Sept. 3, 1869; bu. Hershey Reformed Mennonite Cem.

6. (01) **SNAVELY**, Abraham, b. May 3, 1787; d. Mar. 1, 1866; m. Jan. 18, 1809, Elizabeth Buckwalter; farmer and miller in Pequea Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.;<sup>8</sup> minister and bishop in New Danville Reformed Mennonite Church;<sup>9</sup> bu. New Danville Reformed Mennonite Cem., Pequea Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. Milton Hershey paid to have a stone wall constructed around this cemetery in memory of his Snavely grandparents.

7. (00) **BUCKWALTER**, Elizabeth, Mar. 9, 1789-Feb. 5, 1865; bu. New Danville Reformed Mennonite Cem.

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Hershey family homestead (ca. 1898), built in 1826 by Milton S. Hershey's grandparents Isaac and Anna Hershey and located east of Hershey on the north side of U.S. Route 322. Although the barns have been removed, the restored house serves as an office and museum for the Alumni Association of the Milton S. Hershey School. Milton S. Hershey was born here in 1857.



Hershey Reformed Mennonite Meetinghouse and cemetery, Bachmanville Road, south of Founders Hall, Milton Hershey School, Derry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (2002). Milton Hershey's paternal grandparents, Jacob and Nancy Hershey, and great-grandparents Isaac and Anna Hershey are buried in this cemetery.



New Danville Reformed Mennonite Church (1954) was established in 1837. Milton Hershey's maternal grandfather, Abraham Snavely (1787-1866), served as a minister and bishop (ordained 1830) of this church. Milton paid for the construction of the stone wall surrounding the cemetery, which appears on the left side of the photograph. After the congregation disbanded, the meetinghouse was removed in 1969.



Milton S. Hershey's maternal grandparents, Abraham and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Snavely (nos. 6, 7) are buried at the New Danville Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

<sup>7</sup>U.S. Census, 1850, Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., 137; U.S. Census, 1860, 92; by 1870 he was living with son Jacob Jr. U.S. Census, 1870, Cornwall, Lebanon Co., Pa., 55.

<sup>8</sup>U.S. Census, 1810, Lancaster Co., Pa., Lampeter Twp., 495; *Bridgers' Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* (Lancaster, Pa.: D. S. Bare, 1864), 28.

<sup>9</sup>*Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* (Chicago, Ill.: J. H. Beers & Co., 1903), 599; Wilmer J. Eshleman, *History of the Reformed Mennonite Church* (Lancaster, Pa.: Lancaster County Historical Society, 1945), 26.

<sup>10</sup>U.S. Census, 1820, Londonderry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., 251.

<sup>11</sup>Date stone on the homestead is inscribed: "Gebaut von Isaac und Anna Hershey, 1826."

<sup>12</sup>Dauphin County Orphans' Court, Docket G-168, March 10, 1831, Harrisburg, Pa.

<sup>13</sup>Link for Christian Hershey and Susanna Hershey: Paul E. Groff, *PMH 8* (October 1985): no. 35. In links cited hereafter, *PMH* is omitted.

<sup>14</sup>John Landis Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's* (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2001), 361.

<sup>15</sup>U.S. Census, 1830, Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 262.

<sup>16</sup>Link for John Snavely and Elizabeth Barr: Irene Witmer, 10 (October 1987): no. 49.

<sup>17</sup>Washburn, *Swiftly, Snavely*, 578; Orphans' Court, Miscellaneous Book, 1796-1801, November 14, 1797, 92, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>18</sup>U.S. Census, 1790, Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 135.

<sup>19</sup>Saint James Episcopal Church Records, Lancaster, Pa., 1774, in F. Edward Wright, *Lancaster County Church Records of the 18th Century*, vol. 3 (Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1994), 115.

<sup>20</sup>Jane Evans Best, *The Groff Book*, vol. 2, *A Continuing Saga* (Ronks, Pa.: Groff History Associates, 1977), 48; Johannes Bachman, "Coffin List," see n. 8, p. 15.

<sup>21</sup>Links for Benjamin Buckwalter and Barbara Herr: James C.

8. (111) HERSHEY, Isaac, b. Feb. 6, 1773, in Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; was in Derry Twp.; Dauphin Co., Pa., by 1820;<sup>10</sup> built the homestead in 1826;<sup>11</sup> d. Jan. 17, 1831, intestate, in Derry Twp.;<sup>12</sup> bu. Hershey Reformed Mennonite Cem., Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.; m. Anna Frantz.

9. (110) FRANTZ, Anna, b. Sept. 22, 1774; d. Aug. 9, 1861; bu. Hershey Reformed Mennonite Cem.

10. (101) HERSHEY, Christian Newcomer,<sup>13</sup> b. June 20, 1780, in Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.; d. Aug. 25, 1843; bu. Old Hershey Mennonite Cem., Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; m. Susanna *née* Hershey. Was twelve years old when his family moved from Derry Twp. to Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., to join a new community of Mennonites who were purchasing land from the original English settlers of that township who were moving elsewhere;<sup>14</sup> in Salisbury Twp. in 1830.<sup>15</sup>

11. (100) HERSHEY, Susanna, b. Nov. 8, 1785; d. Feb. 8, 1858; bu. Old Hershey Mennonite Cem.

12. (011) SNAVELY, John,<sup>16</sup> b. 1745; d. Apr. 19, 1794;<sup>17</sup> lived in Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1790;<sup>18</sup> m.(1) Esther Herr, b. ca. 1745; d. 1773; m.(2) Feb. 2, 1774,<sup>19</sup> Elizabeth Barr.

13. (010) BARR, Elizabeth, b. Feb. 28, 1751; d. Jan. 17, 1828; m.(1) John Snavely; m.(2) Daniel Keepports Jr. (ca. 1749-ca. Feb. 23, 1802).<sup>20</sup>

14. (001) BUCKWALTER, Benjamin,<sup>21</sup> b. ca. 1764; d. 1800; lived in Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 1786-96;<sup>22</sup> Reading Twp., York Co., Pa., 1796-99;<sup>23</sup> lived in Warrington Twp., York Co., Pa., in 1800.<sup>24</sup>

15. (000) HERR, Barbara, d. by 1799.

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16. (111) HERSHEY, Christian,<sup>25</sup> b. Feb. 1719; d. Nov. 21, 1782; lived in Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; m.(1) Barbara Hostetter; m.(2) Anna Hernley; see no. 44.

17. (110) HERNLEY, Anna, b. May 1737; d. Mar. 15, 1812.

18. (1101) FRANTZ, John,<sup>26</sup> b. Dec. 15, 1749; d. Oct. 1821;<sup>27</sup> m. Elizabeth Hostetter.

19. (1100) HOSTETTER, Elizabeth, ca. 1750-aft. Oct. 1812.

20. (1011) HERSHEY, Jacob,<sup>28</sup> b. 1742, Hempfield Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. Apr. 14, 1825;<sup>29</sup> bu. Old Hershey Mennonite Cem., Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; m. Anna Newcomer. Moved to Derry Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa., to farm land owned by his father, Andrew Hershey; in May 1792 Jacob and Anna and their family of seven children moved from Derry Twp. to Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., to join a new Mennonite community that was purchasing land from the original English settlers of that township who were moving elsewhere;<sup>30</sup> lived in Salisbury Twp. in 1800<sup>31</sup> and 1810.<sup>32</sup> The Mennonite congregation which grew out of this settlement was originally called Hess and later, Hershey.<sup>33</sup> A memorial monument for them stands in this cemetery.

21. (1010) NEWCOMER, Anna, b. July 25, 1752; d. Jan. 8, 1832; bu. Old Hershey Mennonite Cem.

22. (1001) HERSHEY, Jacob,<sup>34</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1747; d. Oct. 12, 1819; bu. Kraybill Mennonite Cem.; m. Elizabeth Eby; ordained as a Mennonite minister in 1790.<sup>35</sup>

23. (1000) EBY, Elizabeth, b. Aug. 12, 1751; d. Jan. 21, 1835.

24. (0111) SNAVELY, Jacob, b. ca. 1700; d. ca. Apr. 1, 1781;<sup>36</sup> lived in Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; bu. Kreider-Snavely Cem., West Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; m. Veronica (Kreider?).

25. (0110) KREIDER(?), Veronica/Feronica, b. ca. 1704; d. ca. Nov. 4, 1789.<sup>37</sup>

Landis, 12 (January 1989): no. 46; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 39; Joyce Petro, 13 (January 1990): no. 50.

<sup>10</sup>U.S. Census, 1790, Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 102; Deed B-3-33, dated May 31, 1796, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>11</sup>Deed B-3-36, dated September 15, 1796, Lancaster County Archives; tax lists for Reading Twp., York Co., Pa., 1797-99; Deed 19-171, dated April 1, 1799, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>12</sup>U.S. Census, 1800, Warrington Twp., York Co., Pa., 210; name recorded as "Buchwalter." Benjamin Buckwalter owned a mill on the Conewago Creek, which serves as the boundary between York and Adams Counties. Following his death in 1800, the mill and property were sold at sheriff's sale on June 24, 1801. A handwritten note with an issue of the "Buckwalter Family Newsletter" in the Buckwalter surname file at the Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., indicates that Benjamin drowned in the Susquehanna River; his children are listed in the will of his brother Abraham Buckwalter (Will Q-1-72, written May 12, 1829, probated August 22, 1831, Lancaster County Archives). Among his nieces and nephews, "children of my late deceased brother Benjamin," appears Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Snavely. This information regarding the Buckwalter family was kindly provided by James C. Landis, Mount Joy, Pa.

<sup>13</sup>Links for Christian Hershey and Anna Hernley: Ruth Hess Good, 17 (October 1994): no. 33; Clarke E. Hess, 3 (October 1980): no. 34; Regina Landis, 25 (July 2002): no. 40; Virginia Newcomer Lane, 5 (January 1982): no. 38; Noah Oberholtzer Jr., 28 (January 2005): no. 35; Winifred Erb Paul, 6 (January 1983): no. 41; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 35; Judith Siegrist, 16 (July 1993): no. 41; Samuel E. Wenger, 13 (July 1990): no. 38; Irene E. Witmer, 10 (October 1987): no. 48; J. Melvin Eby, 21 (October 1998): no. 42.

<sup>14</sup>Links for John Frantz and Elizabeth Hostetter: K. Varden Leasa, 14 (April 1991): no. 50; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 58; Samuel E. Wenger, 13 (July 1990): no. 39.

<sup>15</sup>Will N-1-157, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>16</sup>Links for Jacob Hershey and Anna Newcomer: Paul E. Groff, 8 (October 1985): no. 35; Clarke E. Hess, 3 (October 1980): no. 55; Mervin Horst, 13 (October 1990): no. 39; Ivan B. Leaman, 25 (October 2002): no. 44; Noah Oberholtzer Jr., 28 (January 2005): no. 45; Joyce Petro, 13 (January 1990): nos. 40, 41; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 40; Mary Hursh Rutt, 11 (October 1988): no. 58; Maurice L. Umble Jr., 23 (January 2000): nos. 54, 55; Jay D. Weaver, 18 (October 1995): no. 62; Edith Charles Kennel, 14 (July 1991): no. 51.

<sup>17</sup>Will O-1-307, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>18</sup>Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 361.

<sup>19</sup>U.S. Census, 1800, Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 133.

<sup>20</sup>U.S. Census, 1810, Salisbury Twp., 439.

<sup>21</sup>A. Hunter Rineer Jr., *Churches and Cemeteries of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* (Lancaster, Pa.: Lancaster County Historical Society, 1993), 387.

<sup>22</sup>Link for Jacob Hershey and Elizabeth Eby: Ruth Wolf (Hess) Good, 17 (October 1994): no. 39.

<sup>23</sup>Weaver, Martin G., *Mennonites of Lancaster Conference, Containing Biographical Sketches of Mennonite Leaders; Histories of Congregations, Missions, and Sunday Schools; Record of Ordinations; and Other Interesting Historical Data* (Scottsdale, Pa.: Mennonite Publishing House, 1931), 186, 467.

<sup>24</sup>Jacob Snavely, Lampeter Twp., Will Y-2-596, dated May 6, 1776, proved May 25, 1782, Lancaster County Archives; Bachman, "Coffin List"; Washburn, *Snively, Snavely*, 571, indicates that Jacob Snavely is buried in the Kreider-Snavely Cemetery with a fieldstone marker with his initials and the date 1781; a recent photographic inventory of this cemetery by Darwin and Regina Christman Martin, *Let These Stones Speak*, vol. 3, *West Lampeter Township* (n.p.: Historic Impressions Press, 2004), does not show this marker. However, see photograph on p. 30.

<sup>25</sup>Bachman, "Coffin List."

26. (0101) BARR, Jacob, b. Jan. 8, 1723; d. 1803;<sup>38</sup> m.(1) Anna Groff; m.(2) Anna Brubaker, m.(3) Anna Souter. Miller in Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1790.<sup>39</sup>
27. (0100) GROFF, Anna, b. ca. 1725; d. 1777.<sup>40</sup>
28. (0011) BUCKWALTER, Abraham, b. before Feb. 23, 1726;<sup>41</sup> d. Jan. 8, 1820;<sup>42</sup> m. Maria Landis.
29. (0010) LANDIS, Maria, b. 1738; d. Jan. 29, 1804; bu. Mellinger Mennonite Cem., East Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
30. (0001) HERR, \_\_\_\_\_.
31. (0000) \_\_\_\_\_.

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32. (11111) HERSHEY, Bentz/Benjamin/Benedict,<sup>43</sup> b. 1696; d. July 29, 1789;<sup>44</sup> m. Mary(?). Bentz Hershey; Christian Hershey (d. ca. 1722) and "Ati Schöli"; see no. 64. Lived "one mile west of Lancaster Town" along the Little Conestoga Creek near Wheatland; ordained as a Mennonite minister by 1719 and as a bishop by 1725;<sup>45</sup> "the most influential Mennonite leader at the time of the American Revolution";<sup>46</sup> his declaration regarding nonresistance, which he crafted and delivered to the Pennsylvania Assembly, is considered "the most memorable statement made by the Lancaster Mennonites in their first two centuries."<sup>47</sup>
33. (11110) \_\_\_\_\_, Mary(?).
34. (11101) HERNLEY, Ulrich, d. 1784;<sup>48</sup> m. Catharine; lived in Rapho Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., north of Manheim, near the present-day Hernley Mennonite Church; worked as a traveling shoemaker.<sup>49</sup>
35. (11100) \_\_\_\_\_, Catharine.
36. (11011) FRANTZ, Hans, d. 1787;<sup>50</sup> m. Elizabeth Kendig.
37. (11010) KENDIG, Elizabeth. Elizabeth Kendig; George Kendig (d. by 1762), Conestoga Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.<sup>51</sup>
38. (11001) HOSTETTER, Jacob II,<sup>52</sup> b. 1719; d. Jan. 31, 1796, Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.;<sup>53</sup> m. Anna Elizabeth Hershey. Jacob Hostetter II (1719-Jan. 31, 1796) and Anna; Bishop Jacob Hostetter I (d. 1761) and Anna.
39. (11000) HERSHEY, Anna Elizabeth, b. 1724; d. Feb. 1, 1790. Anna Elizabeth Hershey; Bentz Hershey (1696-1789) and Mary(?); Christian Hershey (d. ca. 1722) and Ati Schöli; see no. 64.
40. (10111) HERSHEY, "Salunga" Andrew,<sup>54</sup> b. 1702; d. 1792;<sup>55</sup> ordained Mennonite minister near Salunga, West Hempfield Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.<sup>56</sup> Andrew Hershey; Christian Hershey (d. ca. 1722) and Ati Schöli; see no. 64.

41. (10110) \_\_\_\_\_.
42. (10101) NEWCOMER, Hans/John,<sup>57</sup> d. bef. Feb. 16, 1805, Hempfield Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
43. (10100) \_\_\_\_\_, d. bef. Oct. 23, 1802.
44. (10011) HERSHEY, Christian,<sup>58</sup> b. Feb. 1719; d. Nov. 21, 1782; m. Barbara Hostetter. Christian Hershey; Bentz Hershey (1696-1789) and Mary(?); Christian Hershey (d. ca. 1722) and Ati Schöli; see nos. 16 and 64.
45. (10010) HOSTETTER, Barbara, d. 1752. Barbara Hostetter; Bishop Jacob Hostetter (d. 1761)<sup>59</sup> and Anna. See no. 38.
46. (10001) EBY, Christian,<sup>60</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1704; d. Sept. 15, 1756;<sup>61</sup> m. Elizabeth Mayer. Christian Eby; Theodorus Eby (1663-1727). Miller on Hammer Creek, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he built a large stone house in 1754.<sup>62</sup>
47. (10000) MAYER, Elizabeth, b. ca. 1712; d. Dec. 12, 1787.<sup>63</sup> Elizabeth Mayer; John Meyer and Barbara Landis.
48. (01111) SCHNEBELI, (Hans Jacob, b. Nov. 25, 1670, Affoltern, Switzerland; later lived at Ibersheim, Hesse, Germany?)<sup>64</sup>
49. (01110) \_\_\_\_\_.
50. (01101) \_\_\_\_\_.
51. (01100) \_\_\_\_\_.
52. (01011) BARR/BARE, Martin, b. ca. 1680; d. 1758;<sup>65</sup> m. Anna Elizabeth Groff. Martin Barr/Bare; Martin Bär and Anna Magdalena Mayer. Ordained Mennonite minister;<sup>66</sup> lived in Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
53. (01010) GROFF, Anna Elizabeth, b. ca. 1690; d. after 1757. Anna Elizabeth Groff; Hans Groff, who settled

<sup>38</sup>Jacob Barr, Drumore Twp., Will H-1-393, Lancaster County Archives, dated February 12, 1800, proved March 12, 1803, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>39</sup>U.S. Census of 1790, Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.

<sup>40</sup>Best, *The Groff Book*, 2: 47.

<sup>41</sup>Deed W-25, dated May 3, 1782, and Deed 19-171, dated April 1, 1799, Lancaster County Archives. The recitations of title within these two deeds state that Joseph and Barbara Buckwalter sold their mill property to their son Abraham Buckwalter on February 23, 1747. Statutes would have required that Abraham be over age twenty-one at the time of that sale. The date of August 27, 1738 or 1740, is often quoted by researchers as Abraham's birth date. This date, however, cannot be authenticated and documentation renders it highly suspect. It may result from confusion of the birth date of Abraham Buckwalter (Aug. 26, 1740-Jan. 7, 1819) with this Abraham.

<sup>42</sup>Will M-1-394, Lancaster County Archives, Lancaster, Pa.; U.S. Census, 1790, East Lampeter Twp., 101; Jane Evans Best, "Swiss Origins of Groff, Hess, Weber, Landis, and Oberholtzer Families," *PMH* 13 (April 1990): 19. Link for Abraham Buckwalter and father Joseph Buckwalter: Mary Elizabeth (Hursh) Rutt, 11 (October 1988): no. 55.

<sup>43</sup>Links for Bentz Hershey and Mary(?): Aden H. Brubacher, 8 (January 1985): no. 57; Virginia Weaver Driver, 8 (July 1985): no. 33; Grace Rissler Eshleman, 12 (July 1989): no. 61; Ruth Wolf (Hess) Good, 17 (October 1994): nos. 33, 39; Noah Oberholtzer, 28 (January 2005): no. 35; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 35; Judith Siegrist, 16 (July 1993): no. 41; Samuel E. Wenger, 13 (July 1990): no. 38.

<sup>44</sup>Obituary of Bishop Bentz Hershey, published in the Lancaster German newspaper, *Zeitung und Anzeigs-Nachrichten*, August 5, 1789: "Died, last Wednesday, on his plantation near this town, Benjamin Hirsche, old and tired of living. He was in the ninety-third year of his age. His remains were interred Friday morning in the nearby God's acre attached to the meeting house, about one mile from his home. His funeral was attended by a large following of all classes and denominations. He had been bedfast for the past five years, owing to his great age. He came to this country from Germany in 1717 and since that time lived on his farm. He was one of the oldest inhabitants of this county. For more than fifty years he was a teacher and a worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He served the Mennonite congregation at all times with fidelity, and by them he will be remembered in blessing forever. Mr. Hirsche

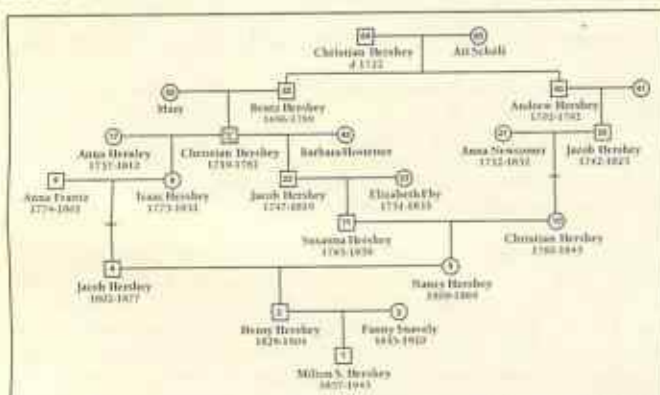


Chart showing the direct Hershey ancestral lines of Milton Snavely Hershey

near a large spring in present-day Upper Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.<sup>67</sup>

54. (01001) \_\_\_\_\_.

55. (01000) \_\_\_\_\_.

56. (00111) BUCKWALTER, Joseph, b. ca. 1692; wp. Apr. 2, 1748; East Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; m.(1) (Magdalena Fritz?), m.(2) by 1747 Barbara Landis. He and his son Abraham had the mill and land at the present location of Lancaster Mennonite School.<sup>68</sup> Joseph Buckwalter; Francis Buckwalter<sup>69</sup> (1665-1723) and Mary.

57. (00110) (FRITZ, Magdalena?).

58. (00101) LANDIS, Benjamin, b. 1697; d. 1781; Mennonite minister, Mellinger district.<sup>70</sup> Benjamin Landis; Jacob Landis and Ann Witmer.

59. (00100) WEBER, Maria, b. ca. 1700. Maria Weber; Hans Anton Weber and Maria Margaretha.<sup>71</sup>

60. (00011) HERR, \_\_\_\_\_.

61. (00010) \_\_\_\_\_.

62. (00001) \_\_\_\_\_.

63. (00000) \_\_\_\_\_.

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64. (11111) HERSHEY, Christian, d. ca. 1722;<sup>72</sup> m. Ati Schöli. In 1717 Christian Hershey and Hans Brubaker jointly purchased a 1,000-acre tract of land located west of Lancaster City along present-day Pa. Route 23 and bisected by the Little Conestoga Creek. His son Bishop Bentz Hershey was evidently a motivating force behind



Map of November 30, 1717, patent for one thousand acres in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Christian Hershey and Hans Brubaker as superimposed on a present-day map. This tract, on which President James Buchanan's home would later be built, lay directly west of Lancaster City with the Little Conestoga Creek flowing through the middle.

construction of the first Mennonite meetinghouse (*Gemeinhaus*) west of the Schuylkill River on this tract of land. Christian Stoneman deeded the land.<sup>73</sup>

65. (00000) SCHÖLI/SHELLY, Ati/Ada. □

leaves a large number of descendants. He will be mourned by all who knew him." English translation of this obituary is found in Eleanor G. King, "Hershey Genealogy" packet (Hershey, Pa.: Hershey Community Archives, n.d.).

<sup>67</sup>Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 1148.

<sup>68</sup>Ibid., 255-56.

<sup>69</sup>Ibid., 325; Leonard Gross, "Through the Eyes of Benjamin Hershey and Benjamin Eby," *PMH* 19 (January 1996): 2-8.

<sup>70</sup>Ulrich Hernley, Rapho Twp., Will Y-2-260, dated May 1, 1776, proved Dec. 11, 1784, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>71</sup>*Biographical Annals of Lancaster County*, 954.

<sup>72</sup>John Frantz, Manor Twp., Will E-1-399, dated March 3, 1786, proved February 10, 1787, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>73</sup>Orphans' Court, Miscellaneous Book, 1760-1763, November 19, 1762, 168; Jane Evans Best, "Martin Kendig's Swiss Relatives," *PMH* 15 (January 1992): 8.

<sup>74</sup>Link for Jacob Hostetter II: C. Mervin Mellinger, 14 (January 1991): no. 35.

<sup>75</sup>Richard L. Hostetter and David J. Bachman, *The Hostetter Family: Descendants of Jacob and Anna Hostetter of Engleside, Lancaster Cty., Pa., and Descendants of Oswald and Maria Hostetter of Warwick Twp., Lancaster Cty., Pa.* (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 1984), 2.

<sup>76</sup>Links for Andrew Hershey: See n. 28 plus Winifred E. Paul, 6 (January 1983): no. 58.

<sup>77</sup>Will Y-2-275, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>78</sup>Ira D. Landis, "He Being Dead, Yet Speaketh," *Mennonite Research Journal* 1 (April 1960): 3-4; Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 236, 1148.

<sup>79</sup>Will I-1-366, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>80</sup>Links for Christian Hershey and Barbara Hostetter: Ruth Wolf (Hess) Good, 17 (October 1994): no. 39.

<sup>81</sup>Links for Jacob Hostetter I: C. Mervin Mellinger, 14 (January 1991): no. 35; Edith Charles Kennel, 14 (July 1991): no. 61. Jacob Hostetter I, Will Y-2-283, dated January 16, 1756, proved June 12, 1761, Lancaster County Archives.

<sup>82</sup>Links for Christian Eby and Elizabeth Mayer: Edith Charles Kennel, 14 (July 1991): no. 50; Winifred Erb Paul, 6 (January 1983): no. 46; Joyce M. Petro, 13 (January 1990): no. 36; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 41; Judith Siegrist, 16 (July 1993): no. 34; Irene Witmer, 10 (October 1987): no. 57; Lee H. Martin II, 6 (April 1983): no. 40; J. Melvin Eby, 21 (October 1998): no. 32.

<sup>64</sup>Best, *The Groff Book*, 2: 43.

<sup>65</sup>Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 274-75; Denise Witmer Laehr, "The Life and Legacy of Peter Eby of Warwick Township," *PMH* 26 (January 2003): 9-17.

<sup>66</sup>Best, "Meyer Families Update," 35.

<sup>67</sup>Washburn, *Snively, Snively*, 571, does not make an attempt to determine Jacob Snively's (d. 1781) parentage; Richard Warren Davis, Provo, Utah, <http://www.MennoSearch>. See n. 231, p. 39.

<sup>68</sup>Best, *The Groff Book*, 2: 4.

<sup>69</sup>Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 1138.

<sup>70</sup>Ibid., 201-202.

<sup>71</sup>H. M. J. Klein, *Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: A History*, vol. 1 (New York, N.Y.: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1924), 153; Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 989-90.

<sup>72</sup>Links for Francis Buckwalter and Mary: Lloyd K. Lefever, 8 (April 1985): no. 37; Jay D. Weaver, 18 (October 1995): no. 42; Noah L. Oberholtzer Jr., 28 (Jan. 2005): no. 55; Allan A. Garber, 7 (July 1984): no. 36; Grace N. Rissler Eshelman, 12 (July 1989): no. 62; James C. Landis, 12 (January 1989): no. 46; Mary E. Hursh Rutt, 11 (October 1988): no. 55; Willis A. Killeffer, 10 (January 1987): no. 46; Virginia Weaver Driver, 8 (July 1985): no. 34; Pearl A. Hoover, 24 (January 2001): no. 60; Judith A. Siegrist, 16 (July 1993): no. 43; Samuel E. Wenger, 13 (July 1990): no. 45; Jay L. Ranck, 19 (October 1996): no. 39.

<sup>73</sup>Ruth, *The Earth Is the Lord's*, 1153; Klein, *Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: A History*, 1:153. Links for Minister Benjamin Landis: Ivan B. Leaman, 25 (October 2002): nos. 35, 38; James C. Landis, 12 (January 1989): no. 32.

<sup>74</sup>Best, "Swiss Origins," 18-19.

<sup>75</sup>Christian "Heirhie"/"Hirschi" estate, Will 146 (unsigned and n.d.), Chester County Archives, West Chester, Pa. The will's cover bears the "pd" (proved or probated) date of "8th: 6 mo: 1722" (interpreted in the courthouse index as August 8, 1722) and is filed as "Christian Heiser." The accompanying inventory is dated July 10, 1723. The will mentions wife "Ati Schöli"; children "Benß," "Andereß," and "Ana"; and father Christian. Copy in possession of David R. Johnson, Oxford, Pa., March 2005.

<sup>76</sup>Landis H. Brubaker, "The Brubakers and Their Lands in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania," *PMH* 5 (April 1982): 1-2; Landis H. Brubaker, "Plotting the Story of the Abbeyville Mennonite Meetinghouse and Cemetery," *PMH* 8 (July 1985): 2-9.