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Family,

Here it is, I decided to do a little more work on it, to make it more interesting.

Some interesting general information:

1. Our <sup>(my)</sup> ancestors originated in southern Germany and Switzerland. They were all German speaking, all Mennonites and came to America to avoid religious persecution. They said they came to America from 1717 to 1738. All were ~~down~~ through the years, farmers, some were also Ministers in addition to farmers.
2. They came to Waterloo Co. in the early 1800's also to ~~avoid~~ have religious freedom. As Mennonites they were conscientious objectors <sup>(obj)</sup> to war. After the American War of Independence, they became increasingly concerned that the "Republic" would ~~not~~ guarantee them <sup>status</sup> of C. D. which had been guaranteed by the <sup>conscientious</sup> objection.

British Crown, when they settled in Pennsylvania. Accordingly they moved to Canada (Wabunco) where the British Crown again guaranteed them CO status.

3. The German Mennonites (Pennsylvania Dutch as they are sometimes called) employed the separate social life, only speaking German and not participating in worldly things (cars, electricity, dance, telephone, etc) to keep them and their children from the rest of society, i.e. leaving the faith.

For example although my ancestors came to America say in the 1720's, I was the first generation in our line to speak English as a first language -- the seventh generation in America and my father told me he had a real fight with his father to allow me to learn English. (I grew up in grandfathers home). Also your mother was the first in the line to marry outside (German) ancestry.

4. ~~By about~~ Anywhere between 1880 to 1920 <sup>ancestry.</sup>  
~~and~~ all of my ancestors had left the Mennonite church and took up other Protestant religions.

5. The Mennonites are a declining religion.  
 Due to urban sprawl, urbanization has  
 taken over their lands. The Mennonites  
 are relocating north to Hanover, Welkenton, etc.  
 and old order or buggy Mennonites are  
 gradually declining.

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 (Ottawa, CANADA)

The following is a genealogy of the Snyder <sup>Groff</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>+ Stauffer</sup> Hallman families.:

I have not studied the Schaus <sup>Huetter</sup> families but they would have both come to S.W. Ontario about 1850-60. The Schaus' settled in Bruce county <sup>(north of K-W)</sup> and the Huetters in Perth county in Stratford.

The SCHNEIDER line

Johannes Jacob Schneider born about 1697 in the Palatinate province of Germany. Hannes as a Protestant and particularly as a Mennonite ~~was~~ like others of his faith ~~was~~ faced religious persecution. They emigrated to Lancaster County Pennsylvania & via London England. The settlers arrived in Pennsylvania in 1736.

The line is as follows:

- I Johannes Jacob Schneider married Maria Hopschi (Hershey chocolate)
- II Christian Schneider married Eliz Erb (came to Waterloo Twp near Beun, south of Kitchener (then Berlin) in 1806.
- III John C. Snyder (note change of spelling -- some changed to Sailer -- others stayed Schneider) married Catherine Shantz

I Absalom Snyder married Mary B. Rich

I Abraham B Snyder married Lydia Ann Goff  
originally farmed at Gasper, Ontario and then  
moved to a part of the Goff farm <sup>north of</sup> Waterloo

This family was as follows:

Calvin, Frederick, Herbert, Edith, Gladys, Mary, Louise, Dorothy.

II Frederick Snyder married Amy Holman  
who grew up on a farm to the west of Waterloo  
whereas, the Snyder farm was to the north of  
Waterloo. Both farms are now  
commercially/residentially developed.

This family was:

Harold, Marjorie, Carl, Marion  
Harold married Anne Schaefer.

III Harold Snyder

The family was:

Patricia, James.

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Patricia married Steven Martinelli

The family was:

Peter, Emily.



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# The Graft line.

I Hans Graft was born in Switzerland in 1661. He settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1717 when it was still inhabited by Indians. Graft was a Mennonite and suffered religious persecution. He actually first came to America about 1700, then to Georgetown Pa & to Lancaster Co. in 1717. He became a business man and became quite wealthy and respected man. The township in which he resided was named Earl in his honour -- Earl being the English translation of the German word Graft.

II John Graft, born in Switzerland, came to America as a young boy

III John Graft married Annie Meyer  
lived in Earl Twp.

IV Andrew Graft (note changed spelling)  
born April 18, 1793. grew up in Earl Twp married  
Migrated to Waterloo Twp in 1822 Annie Huber  
worked for Abraham Erb, the founder of Waterloo  
for a short while, then to Galt where he worked  
for a merchant Mr. Shade.

Soon after purchased a 200 acre farm half way between Preston & Galt. He soon owned a store, tavern, grist mill, saw mill and distillery. At his death he was one of the wealthiest men in Waterloo Co. In 1848 he sold his holdings and moved to a farm north of Waterloo. His wife had 12 children.

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I Andrew H. Graft born near Galt, Ontario  
married to Mary Bauman, lived on  
a farm to the south of Waterloo, nine children  
youngest child was

Ji Lydia Ann Graft who was married to Abraham B. Singer  
(see Vin Schneider (Snylen line))

The HALLMAN LINE

I Anthony Hallman, born in Switzerland about 1714  
Said to have left Switzerland about 1724  
on account of religious persecution,  
and settled in Montgomery Co Pa.

II Benjamin Hallman, born 1752 in  
Montgomery Co. Pa., married Anna Gottwaltz

III Benjamin Hallman, born Sept 18, 1783.  
in Montgomery Co. Pa. During the financial  
depression of 1816 to 1827 many farmers lost their farms and  
sold them to pay debts. Benjamin sold his  
and moved to Walnut Top just west of Walnut  
in 1825 for one year then moved to Hays  
west of Salt. He married Elizabeth Delweihen

IV Rev Jacob Hallman, born 1803, walked to Canada  
in 1822. Married Polly Strone, moved  
to a farm at New Dundee, Ont about 25 km  
south west of Kitchener. He became a  
minister of the Mennonite church. Six children

V John S Hallman born 1829, married Mary Clemens  
farmed near New Dundee 12 children

VI Ervine (Irvin) Hallman married Elsie Stauffer

Ida, Amy, Leighton, Morris, Laura  
Patsie, James. married Fred Snyder  
Harold, Maxine, Carl, Marion



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Daniel  
Abraham Stauffer  
Joseph  
Levi  
Ernie  
James

# The STAUFFER LINE

I Martin Stauffer born about 1682, in Switzerland. The family was persecuted for their non conformist religious beliefs (Mennonite). They moved to Quilicura Germany, where they apparently had religious freedom. Martin died at Quilicura. Later in 1738, the widow and ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> sons emigrated with "other co-religionists" emigrated to America and settled in Lancaster Co.

II Daniel Stauffer born 1726

III Abraham Stauffer born 1748 married Eliz Zieg, ten children, farmer

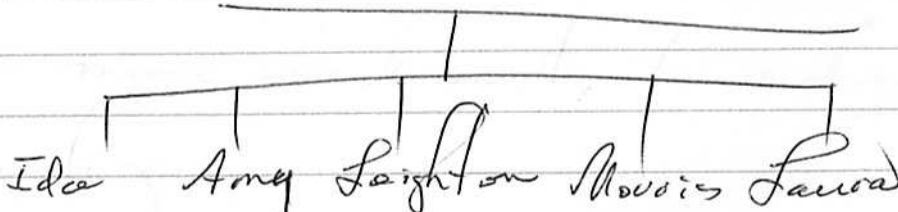
IV Joseph Stauffer a twin, born Aug 15, 1802 married Rebecca Roentgen, moved to Wabasco Co and settled near Heafelen. Soon after marriage, he moved to a farm about two miles west of Wabasco. Five children.

V Levi Stauffer only ~~son~~ son of Joseph & Rebecca  
Born Sept 9, 1839. Farmer. Manager of North Wabasco  
Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Married to  
Judith Snyder Snider. ten children

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1 Elsie Mince born July 14, 1874.  
married Ervine Hallman (see above)

<sup>Hallman</sup>  
Ervine's Elsie Mince Hallman



Fred Snyder's Amy Eva Hallman

Harold Majorie Carl Spencer

~~Harold Snyder + Anne Scherer~~

Patricia Lane Jane Hull

Steve Martinello's Patti Snyder

