

## KAUFFMAN

The name Kauffman, meaning merchant in German, is not found among Amish Mennonite families in Canada. There are many Kauffman descendants, however, but since all of the immigrants who did not move on to the United States were females, they do not carry the name.

### FAMILY ORIGINS

The Kauffman families from whom the Canadian Kauffmans are descended, may all have belonged to Kauffmans who had migrated to Alsace from Steffisburg, Switzerland. One Kauffman family settled on a farm called Montingo (or Montigu in German), south of Altkirch, almost at the Swiss border. The village where they were registered was Levoncourt.

### ANNA KAUFFMAN AND JOSEPH ROTH

Anna Kauffman who would later marry Joseph Roth, was born on the Farm Montigu in 1808 to Michel Kauffman and Anna Humel/Ummel. Other Kauffmans living on the Montigu at the same time were Pierre Kauffman and Anne Richard and Jean/John Klopfenstein and Marie Anne Kauffman. This farm has since reverted to forest.

Anna and Joseph Roth migrated on the ship *Albert Gallatia*, arriving in New York on April 30, 1852.(1) (See Notes on page 5). When Joseph applied for a passport to leave France, he indicated they were going to New Orleans. Had they planned to go to Illinois, but changed their minds? If they had planned to go to Illinois, was it because of Kauffman relatives? Joseph had a brother in Canada, making Canada a good choice as well. Whatever their plans may have been, it was in Canada that they settled, and the family has not maintained any Kauffman connections.

Anna Kauffman, dau. of Michel Kauffman (1748-20 Nov 1813; d. at Levoncourt) (2)  
and Anna Humel/Ummel (1779-30 Dec 1815; d. at Levoncourt)  
dau. of Jean Ummel and Anne Muller  
b. 29 Mar 1808, Farm Montigu, Levoncourt, Haut-Rhin  
d. 18 Jul 1886, bu. East Zorra Cemetery, 15th Line  
m. 4 Apr 1825, Hirtzbach, Haut-Rhin

Joseph Roth, son of Hans Roth and Verena Stucky  
b. 2 Mar 1796, Feldbach, Haut-Rhin  
d. 22 Jul 1873, bu. East Zorra Cemetery, 15th Line

Many descendants in the Tavistock area.

See the ROTH file for more details on this family, as well as the [History and Genealogy of Joseph and Anna (Kauffman) Roth, 1851-1966] by Lorraine Roth, Kitchener, Ontario, 1966.

The births of the following siblings of Anna were also registered at Levoncourt:

Jacob Kauffmann, b. 9 December 1809, Levoncourt  
m. 12 Jan 1843, Altkirch, Haut-Rhin  
2m. 15 Dec 1850, Ruederbach, Haut-Rhin  
Marie Stucky, dau. of Johannes Stucky (d. 1831) and Catherine Lugenbiehl  
b. 6 Jan 1819, Altkirch

d. 18 Dec 1848, Reiningue, Haut-Rhin  
Catherine Hirschy, b. 11 Apr 1817, Bollwiller, Haut-Rhin  
(continued)

Michel Kauffman, b. 12 Nov 1811, Levoncourt  
1m. 16 Mar 1838, Lutterbach, Haut-Rhin  
2m. 15 Nov 1863, Reiningue, Haut-Rhin  
Barbara Schlegel, dau. of Jean Schlegel and Anne Marie Muller  
b. 16 May 1814, Burg, AG, CH (Switzerland)?  
d. 9 Oct 1856, Reiningue  
Marie Schmucker

Barbe Kauffman, b. 8 Sep 1813, Levoncourt

Since the following Kaufmans turn up in Canada about the same time, and because their birthdates appear to be between 1805 and 1816, they might belong to the same family. Catherine, born about 1811, was married by Bishop John Jantzi and gave her parent's names as Johannes and Jacobe Kaufman. Johannes/John and Jacobe/Jacobena probably never came to Canada. I am proposing the following possible family outline:

#### JOHN AND JACOBENA KAUFMAN FAMILY

A. Joseph Kaufman, b. ca.1805, Bavaria(3)  
m. 1842  
Anna \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca. 1821, Bavaria

1. John Kaufman, b. ca.1844, Canada(4)
2. Joseph Kaufman, b. ca.1846 "
3. Jacob Kaufman, b. ca.1848 "
4. Christian Kaufman, b. ca.1850 "
5. Catherine Kaufman, b. ca.1853 "
6. Mary Kaufman, b. ca.1855 "
7. Daniel Kaufman, b. ca.1857 "
8. female Kaufman, b. ca.1859 "

This family appeared only in the 1861 North Easthope census and not in any further records; so it is assumed they joined a migration to the United States within the next few years.

B. Catherine Kaufman, b. ca.1811, Germany  
d.  
m. 4 May 1862 by bishop John Jantzi  
Joseph Boshart, son of Christian Boshart and Catherine Litwiller  
b. 1830, Wilmot Twp.  
d. 8 Jun? 1897, " "

This couple had no children.

Catherine and Joseph's marriage record gives her parents as Johannes and Jacobe Kaufman, and her birthplace as Germany. Catherine's date of death has not been found, nor has their place of burial.

C. Magdalena (Lena) Kauffman, b. ca.1816, Germany(5)  
d. 12 Feb 1886, South Easthope Twp.

m.  
John Steinman, b. ca.1811, Germany  
d. before 1881

Children on next page:

- 1) Peter Steinman, b. ca.1845 (still in 1871 South Easthope census)
- 2) Barbara Steinman (1849-1924) m. Jost Yoder  
(descendants in Canada and U.S.A.)
- 3) Mary Steinman (1851-1935) m. Nicholas K. Roth(6)  
(descendants mostly in Tavistock area)
- 4) Magdalena Steinman (1855-1927) m. Jacob L. Brenneman(7)  
(descendants in Tavistock area)

This family first appeared in the 1861 census in South Easthope Township. They were living in a one-storey log house built in 1830. John was listed as a labourer, and it seems they never owned any property. Magdalena and John's place of burial is not known.

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Another Kaufman woman was Maria (Kaufman) Good, born about 1823 in the United States -- Pennsylvania, no doubt. She married Widower John Schmidt, miller at Schmidtsville (later named Wellesley). She brought two daughters to the marriage, and gave birth to three more after marrying John Schmidt.

Maria (Kaufman) Good, b. ca.1823, USA (1861 Wellesley census)  
m. ca.1856, Canada

John Schmidt, b. ca.1796, Germany or France (1861 census)  
d. June 1881, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery  
1m. 27 Mar 1831, Lancaster Co., Pa., to Barbara Schwartzentruber

Children of Maria to her 1st marriage:

- 1) Magdalena Good (ca.1844- ) m. John Gadke
- 2) Anna Good (ca.1855- ) m. John Honsberger  
It may be that these girls went by the name "Schmidt." The Honsberger family list calls her Anna Schmidt.(9)

Children born to Maria and John Schmidt:

- 3) Maria Schmidt (1857-1922) m. John S. Gabel  
2m. John A. Murray
- 4) Elizabeth Schmidt (1859-1932) m. Peter Block
- 5) Sabena Schmidt (1861-1949) m. Henry Meisel

Maria and John Schmidt were still living in Wellesley at the time of the 1861 census. They have not been found in the 1871 census, but in 1881, they were farming in East Zorra, Oxford County, and daughter Elizabeth and her husband Peter Block were working for them. John's grave is marked in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line, but the date and place of burial of Maria is not known. For more on this family, see the SCHMIDT file.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND BARBARA (STEINER) KAUFFMAN

The basic outline for this family is taken from the *Family of Kauffman-Kauffman, 1994*, ( by Mrs. Nancy (Samuel) Kauffman, Greentown, Indiana.)

Joseph Kauffman, m. 7 July 1874 to Barbara Steiner

Children:

- 1) Mary Kaufmann, b. 27 Mar. 1853  
d. 1 Jan. 1891  
m. 7 July 1874  
Christian R. Ropp, son of Joseph M. Ropp and Magdalena Richard  
b. 30 June 1840, Alsace, France  
d. 27 Aug. 1929, Brunner, Ontario

This family is found both in the above-mentioned genealogy, pages 6-13, in the *First to Seventh generation of JOSEPH ROPP AND ANNA MURER, 1761-1940*, published in the Albany, Oregon, pages 50-52 and in the ROPP/RUPP file.

- 2) Regina Kauffman, b. Sept. 1856, Indiana  
d.  
m. 13 nov. 1884  
Albert Amen, b. Nov. 1854, germany  
d.

- 3) Gideon Kauffman, b. 1 Feb. 1860  
d. 11 Sept. 1924  
m. 4 Mar. 1886  
Anna Stoll b. 4 Mar. 1886 (how could she be married on her birthdate?)  
d. 19 Mar. 1932

This family is found on pages 15-26.

Leah, the second daughter of Gideon and Anna, married Joel S. Yoder, and their daughter Anna married John K. Gerber. This family lived near Brunner, Ontario. The Yoders are also found in *the Family History of Yost D. Yoder and Barbara (Steinman) Yoder, 1837-1997*, Compiled and Published by Marie (Yoder) Yoder, Fairview, Michigan. (Also see the JODER/YODER file.)

- 4) Peter Kauffman b. ca. 1868 Adam, Ind.  
d.  
1 m. to Maggie Brandenberger, bu. Knepp Cemetery, Daviess Co. Ind.  
2m. ca. 1907  
Anna Kipfer, dau. of Andrew S. Kipfer and Marie Habermehl  
b. 26 July 1889  
d. Dec. 1986, Wardsville, Ontario  
Anna Kipfer Kauffman, 2 m. to John/Jack Gilbert; 3m. to Herman Schneider

Peter and Maggie first lived at Dickson, Tennessee, where they buried two babies. They then moved to Daviess County, Indiana where two more children were born. After Maggie's death, Peter is said to have left the children with Knepps in

Indiana and went to Canada, losing contact with his family. The story of how the Kauffmans made contact with Anna and the Kipfer family is told in the Kauffman- Kauffmann genealogy, pages 57-59. According to the story, Anna had a daughter, but whether she was the daughter of Peter Kauffman or Anna's second husband is not indicated

A Magdalena Kauffman appeared in the 1881 Wellesley census as a 70-year old widow. She may have been the widow of Andrew Kauffman and died near Erbsville in 1883. These Kauffmans were Pennsylvania Mennonite immigrants. (10)

Following few paragraphs not included in new file

Another Maria Kauffman was the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Kaufman. Maria's place of birth and residence was given as the United States at the time of her marriage to Christian Ropp. Christian and Maria lived at Poole, Ontario, and had a family of seven children. They are probably both buried in the Poole Mennonite Cemetery, but only Christian has a tombstone.

Maria Kaufman, dau. of Joseph and Barbara Kaufman  
b. 27 Mar 1853, U.S.A.  
d. 1 Jan 1891, probably bu. Poole Mennonite Cemetery  
m. 7 July 1874 by Bishop John Jantzi  
Christian R. Ropp, son of Joseph Ropp and Magdalena Richard  
b. 30 June 1840, Jettingen, Haut-Rhin, France  
d. 26/7 Aug 1929, bu. Poole Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

- 1) Daniel K. Ropp (1875- ) m. Lizzie Haines
- 2) Mattie Ropp (1876-1906) m. Jacob Wilker
- 3) Catherine Ropp (1878-1952) m. Joseph S. Leis
- 4) Fannie Ropp (1881-1955) m. Joseph H. Bender
- 5) Mary Ropp (1884-1933)
- 6) Christian K. Ropp (1886-1975) m. Mary L. Ropp
- 7) Menno K. Ropp (1889-1976) m. Nancy Erb

For more details on this family, see the ROPP file and "First to Seventh Generation of Joseph Ropp and Anna Murer", 1761-1940, Printed in Albany Oegon.

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Notes:

1) National Archives, Washington, D.C. Microfilm Series M-237, Roll #113 Joseph's name appeared as "Johann."

2) Also see "ANCESTRY OF ANNA (KAUFFMANN) ROTH" following this introduction and the Michel Kauffmann print-out obtained by Susan Yates is taken from LDS records supplied by Thierry Huekel of Coudenans, France. Several dates in this listing vary from those found in my (Lorraine Roth's) research. I use my own research notes, rather than those of the print-out.

3) The Kauffmans who gave their place of origin as Bavaria, had probably gone from Alsace to Bavaria earlier in the 1800s, and then came from there to Canada.

4) One questions whether all of these children were born in Canada, because they do not appear in the 1851 census. It is, of course, possible that they lived in South Easthope Township at that time, and the 1851 census of that township has not survived.

5) According to daughter Barbara's obituary, this family also came to Canada from Bavaria. Daughter Mary, however, indicated she was born in Imling, France.

6) See the JODER/YODER file and the *Family History of Yost D. Yoder and Barbara (Steinman) Yoder, 1837-1997*, Compiled and Published by Marie (Yoder) Yoder, Fairview, Michigan.

7) For the family of Mary Steinman and Nicholas K. Roth, see the Joseph and Anna (Kauffman) Roth genealogy, pages 33-70.

8) For the family of Magdalena Steinman and Jacob L. Brenneman, see the [History and Genealogy of Jacob and Lydia (Leonard) Brenneman Family, 1843-1963], by Lorraine Roth, Shakespeare, Ontario, 1963, pages 63-67.

9) *A Biographical History of . . . Waterloo Township* by Ezra E. Eby, Eldon D. Weber Edition, 1971. The Honsberger list is found on page 202.

10) *Ibid.*, page 209.

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#### ANCESTRY OF ANNA (KAUFFMANN) ROTH

Michel Kauffmann, resident of Mintingo/Montigu, Levoncourt, Haut-Rhin, France  
d. 10 Nov 1813, Levoncourt

Anna Humel/Ummel, dau. of Jean/John Ummel and Anne Muller  
b. 1779, Grandvillars, Belfort, France  
d. 30 Dec 1815, Levoncourt

#### Known children:

A. Anna Kauffman, b. 29 Mar 1808, Farm Montigu, Levoncourt  
d. 18 Jul 1886, bu. East Zorra Cemetery, 15th Line  
m. 4 Apr 1825, Hirtzbach, Haut-Rhin

Joseph Roth, son of Hans Roth and Verena Stucky  
b. 2 Mar 1796, Feldbach, Haut-Rhin  
d. 22 Jul 1873, bu. East Zorra Cemetery, 15th Line  
Emigrated to Canada in 1852. (Also found on page 1 of this Introduction)

B. Jacques/Jacob Kauffmann, b. 9 December 1809, Levoncourt, Haut-Rhin  
m. 12 Jan 1843, Altkirch, Haut-Rhin  
2m. 15 Dec 1850, Ruederbach, Haut-Rhin

Marie Stucky, dau. of Jean/John Stucky (d. 1831)  
and Catherine Lugbull/Lugenbiehl  
b. 6 Jan 1819, Altkirch

d. 18 Dec 1848, Reiningue, Haut-Rhin  
May have been at Reiningue with Jacob's brother Michel at time of  
Marie's death.(1)  
Catherine Hirschy, b. 11 Apr 1817, Bollwiller, Haut-Rhin

C. Michel Kauffman, b. 12 Nov 1811, Levoncourt  
m. 16 Mar 1838, Lutterbach, Haut-Rhin  
2m. 15 Nov 1863, Reiningue  
Barbara Schlegel, dau. of Jean/John Schlegel and Anne Marie Muller  
b. 16 May 1814, Burg, AG, CH (Switzerland?)  
Marie Schmucker

D. Barbe Kauffman, b. 8 Sep 1813, Levoncourt

Notes:

1) The death dates of Michel and Anna Kauffmann and the information on Jacob and Marie's marriage is from "Johannes Stuckey (1771/84-1831) of Altkirch, Haut-Rhin, Alsace: His Life and Family" by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine in *Illinois Mennonite Heritage*, Vol. XIX, No. 4, December 1992, along with additional notes penned in the margins. (Photocopy in KAUFFMAN file)

Additional items in the Kauffman file:

1) Excerpt of article from *Illinois Mennonite History* December 1992 (marriage of Jacob Kauffman, brother of Anna Kauffman, wife of Josphe Roth.

2) Family Group Sheets, secured by Susan Yates, re the Michel Kauffman/Anna Ummel Family

3) Family group Sheets secured by Susan Yates, showing ancestry of Freni Kauffman, first wife of Hans Roth (summarized on page 7)

ANCESTRY OF FRENI (KAUFFMANN) ROTH(1)

Note that this is the ancestry of Freni Kauffman, the first wife of Hans Roth, and we (the descendants of Joseph and Anna Kauffmann Roth) are descended from his second wife Verena Stucky. It may be that the family of Anna Kauffman, who married Joseph Roth, also fits into this scheme at some point, but this list does not show that.

**Jacob Kauffmann**, b. ? Steffisburg, Canton Bern, Switzerland  
1m. 11 May 1584, Steffisburg

Anna Buerki  
Christina Raeber (2 m.)



Son: **Niklaus Kauffmann**, son of Jacob Kauffmann and Anna Buerki  
b. 10 Dec 1592, Steffisburg  
m. 17 Jan 1617 "

Elsi (Elis?) Plank

Son: **Michel Kauffmann**, b. Oct 1620, Steffisburg  
m. 2 Oct 1646 "

Anna Brendli

Son: **Isaac Kauffmann**, b. 20 Nov 1653, Steffisburg  
m. 18 Feb 1670 " (at age 17?)

Elisabeth Mergerdt

Son: **Michel Kauffmann**, b. 27 Jan 1678, Steffisburg  
m. 22 Apr 1701 "

Verena Stauffer

Son: **Jacob Kauffmann**, b. 20 Dec 1705, Steffisburg  
d. 23 Feb 1780, Montingo/Montigu  
Levonourt, France

Maria Amstutz

Dau.: **Freni Kauffmann**, b. 16 Mar 1745, Florimont, Fr.  
d. 26 Nov 1769, Aux Gouttes,  
Montbeliard, Fr.  
m. 9 Nov 1762, Montingo/Montigu  
Levoncourt, Fr.

Hans Roth of Feldbach (not of Feldbach when he  
married Freni Kauffmann)

Note:

The above list is taken from internet submissions  
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Following not included in new file

Notes from Census records:

EAST ZORRA

1861

SOUTH EASTHOPE

1861

John Steinman, age 29, from France  
Mary " 27, Canada  
Peter " 2 "  
Anna Bechler 13, from France

Peter Steinman, age 66, from France  
Jacobina " 55 " Germany

1871

Peter Steinman, age 75, from Germany  
Mary " 42

John Steinman, age 39, from France  
Mary " 37, Ontario  
Peter " 12  
Mary " 10  
Anna " 7  
John " 4  
Christ " 1

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John Stayman, age 50, from Germany  
Dainey " 45  
(m. in 1830)

Dainey Stayman, age 5  
Mary " 8  
Barbara " 12

1871

John Steinman, age 68, from Germany  
Magdalena " 48 " "  
Barbara " 21 " "  
Maria " 19  
Magdalena " 16  
Peter " 25