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# **Family Group Sheets**

**Uriah Clayton (Clayt) Herr**

**&**

**Lillian Painter**



## Family Group Sheet

### 1.0 URIAH CLAYTON HERR & LILLIAN VICURY PAINTER

Husband: Uriah Clayton Herr <sup>(A2,A3,C1)</sup>

b. 11 November 1873, Hummelstown, PA <sup>(A2,A3)</sup>

m. 14 January 1897, Medicine Lodge, KS <sup>(A2,A3)</sup>

d. 25 February 1944, East Palo Alto, CA <sup>(B1)</sup>

bur. Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto, CA <sup>(B1)</sup>

Husband's Father: Abraham Reider Herr <sup>(A3, A4)</sup>

Husband's Mother: Elizabeth Shenk <sup>(A3,A4)</sup>

Wife: Lillian Vicury Painter

b. 19 October 1875, Petersburg, IN <sup>(D1)</sup>

m. 14 January 1897, Medicine Lodge, KS <sup>(A2)</sup>

d. 6 February 1959, Palo Alto, CA <sup>(B2)</sup>

bur. Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto, CA <sup>(B2)</sup>

Wife's Father: David F. Painter <sup>(D1)</sup>

Wife's Mother: Cynthia Morton <sup>(D1)</sup>

#### Children:

1. Opal Angeline <sup>(A4, E3)</sup>

b. 8 November 1897, Medicine Lodge, KS <sup>(A4)</sup>

d. 21 Apr 1983, San Mateo County, CA <sup>(B3)</sup>

bur. Mission City, Memorial Park, Santa Clara, Santa Clara Co., CA. <sup>(F2)</sup>

sp. Ellsworth K. Bailey <sup>(E3)</sup>

(children: Barbara Ann, Robert Keith) <sup>(E3)</sup>

2. Roland <sup>(A4)</sup>

b. 30 January 1900, Medicine Lodge <sup>(A4)</sup>

d. 1 July 1901, Medicine Lodge <sup>(F1)</sup>

bur. Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge

3. Jewel Kathryn <sup>(A4, E3)</sup>

b. 21 December 1904, Medicine Lodge, KS <sup>(A4,E3)</sup>

m. 26 December 1926, San Francisco, CA <sup>(H1)</sup>

d. 20 February 1955, Palo Alto, CA <sup>(E3,H1)</sup>

bur. Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto, CA)

sp: Alfred Lynn West (b. 30 Sept 1901, Kansas City, MO, d. 20 Mar 1993, Seattle, WA) <sup>(E3)</sup>

(children: Shirley Lynella, Marilou Suzanne) <sup>(E3)</sup>

Uriah Clayton Herr was known as U.C. or "Clayt" Herr. He descended from a long line of Swiss Mennonites who original immigrant ancestor founded the Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1710.

Clayt partnered with Charles Painter to purchase the Barber County Index newspaper in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He married Charles' sister, Lillian, a typesetter at the newspaper. They had one son who died in infancy and two daughters both of whom survived to adulthood.

After retiring in the 1920's they came west first to Chehalis, Washington, then briefly to Ely, Nevada, where Clayt became Editor of the Ely Record, and finally to East Palo Alto, California where they ran a small chicken ranch and orchard.

U.S. Directories at Ancestry.com show these:

1932: Opal and Ellsworth Bailey, 450 Republican Way #206

1935: San Mateo

1940: Los Angeles

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## Sources

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#### A. Published Biographies and Genealogies

1. Beverly Horney McCollom, *Meanderings, Medicine Lodge in the 1880'* (Medicine Lodge, KS: 1991) page 9, George Horney; page 61, marriage of Ora Kate Painter; page 59, children of David Painter; page 80, David Painter and family portraits.
2. *Biographical History of Kansas* (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1894) page 859-860, biography of Abraham L. Herr; pages 1527-1529, biographies of Charles Painter and U.C. Herr.
3. William Elsey Connelley, *A Statistical History of Kansas and Kansans* (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1918) page 2342, parents and family of U.C. Herr.
4. Theodore H. Herr, *Genealogical Record of Rev. Hans Herr and his Lineal Descendants* (Lancaster, PA: 1908), page 553.

#### B. Vital Records

1. Death Certificate: Uriah Clayton Herr, California State Registrar of Vital Statistics 44-015933
2. Death Certificate: Lillian Vicury [Painter] Herr, California State Registrar of Vital Statistics #59-012731.
3. Death Record: Opal Angeline Bailey, SSN 570-38-6558, California Dept. Health Services, Vital Statistics, transcribed and posted at Rootsweb.com, 2004

#### C. Census

1. Kansas State Census, 1895, Barber County, City of Medicine Lodge, Vol. 16, p. 19, transcription at USGenWeb, Kansas, Barber County, 2004.  
Claten Herr, w/m/ age 21, b. Pennsylvania

#### D. Military Records

1. David Painter Civil War Pension File #989098, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Textual Records, hereinafter NARA. Refer to Section 2.0, David Painter, Sources, Military, E2.

#### E. Oral History and Personal Knowledge

1. Interview with Lillian V. Herr, 1949, Palo Alto, CA.
2. Interview with Opal A. Bailey, 1978, Palo Alto, CA
3. Personal knowledge of author

#### F. Cemetery

1. Roland Herr grave stone, Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge, KS, photographed by author in 1989.
2. Opal Herr Bailey grave stone, Mission City Memorial Park (West Palm Lawn #31 (8 Nov 1897- 21 Apr 19830
3. Lillian Herr Find-a-Grave Memorial # **157946927**

#### G. Probate

1. Estate of Lillian V. Herr, Superior Court, Santa Clara County, CA, 1959; Uriah Clayton Herr, King County, WA, 1959.

#### H. Family Bible

1. Jewel Herr West Marriage and death record in Family Bible of Ella Calhoun. (See Vol. I, Part C, Sec. 1.0, "Sources"-- "A1".

## Family Group Sheet

### 2.0 ABRAHAM REIDER HERR & ELIZABETH ANN SHENK

Husband: Abraham R. Herr<sup>(A1)</sup>

b. 23 Feb 1848, Elizabethtown, PA <sup>(A1, A3)</sup>  
m. 16 May 1869, Dauphin Co. PA<sup>(A1, A3)</sup>  
d. 12 June 1886, Kiowa, KS <sup>(A1, A3)</sup>  
bur. Riverview Cemetery

Husband's Father: Abraham Herr <sup>(A1)</sup>

Husband's Mother: Anna Reider <sup>(A1)</sup>

Wife: Elizabeth Ann Shenk

b. 14 Jan 1848 <sup>(A1)</sup>  
d. 1935, Kiowa, KS  
m2. Henry Sommers (b. OH, d. Sep 1892, Kiowa KS, child: Mabel)  
m3.  
bur.

Wife's Father: John Shenk<sup>(A1)</sup>

Wife's Mother: Mary Gingrich <sup>(A1)</sup>

#### Children:

1. Allen Ethen  
b. 17 May 1870, Dauphin County, PA <sup>(A1, A4)</sup>  
m. 16 Jan 1894 <sup>(A4)</sup>  
d. 29 Apr 1959, Barber Co., KS  
bur. Riverview, Cem., Barber Co. KS  
sp. Malvina Taylor (d. 2 Nov 1904; dau. of George R. Taylor, S. Frances King) <sup>(A4)</sup>
2. Abraham Lincoln <sup>(C3)</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
b. 18 Oct 1871, Dauphin County, PA <sup>(A1, A2)</sup>  
m. 1900 <sup>(A2)</sup>  
sp. Bertha Dorrentain<sup>2(A1, A2, C2)</sup> (dau of C.H. Dorrentain, M.D., d. abt. 18 Apr 1970))  
d. abt. 21 Jul 1960<sup>(D1)</sup>  
cremated: bur. Rose Hill Cemetery, Chickasha, Grady, Co., OK
3. Uriah Clayton <sup>(C2)</sup>  
b. 11 November 1873, Hummelstown, PA <sup>(A2, A3)</sup>  
m. 14 January 1897, Medicine Lodge, KS <sup>(A2, A3)</sup>  
d. 25 February 1944, East Palo Alto, CA  
bur. Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto, CA  
(Children: See 1.0 Uriah Clayton Herr & Lillian Vicury Painter)
4. John Nevin <sup>(C3)</sup>  
b. 3 Mar 1875, Dauphin County, PA<sup>(A1)</sup>  
m. 9 May 1901  
sp. Edith Potter (b. 8 July 1879, dau of Ormon J. Potter, Elvira Button)<sup>(A1)</sup>  
d. 18 Nov 1846, Reno Co., KS
5. Ada May <sup>(C3)</sup>  
b. 6 Jan 1877, Kiowa, KS <sup>(A3)</sup>  
m. unmarried  
d. 17 Jul 1953, Winfield, KS
6. Mercy Hope  
b. 17 July 1878, Kiowa, KS<sup>(A1)</sup>  
d. 22 Aug 1878

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<sup>1</sup> Abraham Lincoln Herr served as Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma.

<sup>2</sup> Census transcription spells the name "Dorrentain." Biographies spell it variously "Downtain," and "Damntain."

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Abraham Reider Herr was the first in his family to leave the Mennonite community in Pennsylvania. He took his family by train to Kiowa, Kansas in 1886. He bought land for a farm but died three years later. His sons attended school in Kiowa and tended the farm. Elizabeth remarried and had one more son. In 1893 her sons joined the famous 'run' for the Cherokee Strip. Son Allen led the charge and won a claim.

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2. *Biographical History of Kansas*. (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1894) page 859-860, biography of Abraham L. Herr; pages 1527-1529, biographies of Charles Painter and U.C. Herr.
3. William Elsey Connelley, *A Statistical History of Kansas and Kansans* (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1918) page 2342, parents and family of U.C. Herr.
4. *Chosen Land: A History of Barber County* (Medicine Lodge, KS: Barber County Historical Society, 1980) page 225, biography of Allen E. Herr.

#### B. Vital Records

None researched

#### C. Census

Kansas State Census, 1895, transcription at USGenWeb, Kansas, Barber County, 2004.

1. Vol. 16, City of Medicine Lodge, p. 19  
Claten Herr, w/m/ age 21, b. Pennsylvania
2. Vol. 16, City of Kiowa, p. 2  
Dorentain, B M w/f age 21 b. Missouri [Bertha]  
Dorentain, C H w/m age 51 b. Kentucky [father of Bertha]  
Dorentain, T E w/m age 10 b. Kansas  
Dorentain, V A w/f age 49 b. Missouri
3. Vol. 14, Kiowa Township, p. 2  
Herr, A L w/m age 23 , b. Pennsylvania [Abraham Lincoln]  
Herr, A M w/f age 18, b. Pennsylvania [Ada May]  
Herr, J N w/m age 20, b. Pennsylvania [John Nevin]

#### D. Cemetery

1. Rosehill cemetery, Chickasha, Grady County, Oklahoma (formerly IOOF Cemetery), Grand Avenue and 9th Street, transcription of tombstones, GenWeb Archives, Oklahoma at [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com).

A. L. Herr, buried 21 July 1960, Bl. 26, Mausoleum D5 Jul 1960 (burial 21 Jul)  
Bertha Herr, buried 18 Feb 1970 (Mausoleum)

2. Grave photos and records from Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com:

Abraham Lincoln Herr #63332265 (Rosehill Cem., Chickasha, OK)  
A.R Herr #30997643 (Riverview Cem, Kiowa, KS )  
Elizabeth Shenk Herr as "E.A. Sommers") #21504388 (Riverview Cem, Kiowa, KS )  
Henry Sommers # 30997738 (Riverview Cem, Kiowa, KS )  
Allen Ethen Herr #21504273 (Riverview Cem, Kiowa, KS )  
John Nevin Herr #132479299 (Riverview Cem, Kiowa, KS )  
Ada Herr #21504324 (Winfield KS)



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## Family Group Sheet 2.1 Abraham Herr & Anna Reider<sup>3</sup>

Husband: Abraham Herr

b. 1 Jan 1824  
m. 26 Oct 1843  
d. 1914, Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., PA

Husband's father: Rudolph Herr

Husband's mother: Anna Hostetter

Wife: Anna Reider

b. 15 May 1848  
d. 1912, Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., PA)

Wife's father: George Reider

Wife's mother: Cathrine \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

1. Cathrine  
b. 17 May 1844  
m. 13 Dec 1866  
sp. Henry N. Risser (b. 16 Nov 1842, d. 21 Mar 1897, children: Abraham Risser, Mary Y. Nissley)  
d. (last resided Bellaire, PA)
2. Rev. John R.  
b. 1 May 1845  
m. 22 Nov 1866  
sp. Mary B. Heiser (b. 28 Aug 1846)  
d. (last resided in Enterprise, KS)
3. Annie,  
b. 4 Nov 1846  
m. 25 Oct 1868  
sp. Cyrus G. Shenk (b. 21 May 1839--brother of Abraham [4] below)  
d. (last resided, Deodate, PA)
4. Abraham R. (See Abraham Herr, Sec. 2.0)
5. George R.  
b. 13 June 1849  
m. 1 Jan 1884  
sp. Martha L. Engle (b. 12 Nov 1857, dau of John Engle and Magdalena Lindemuth).  
d. (last resided in Donegal, KS)
6. Lydia  
b. 28 Jan 185  
d. 25 Jan 1900 (last resided Elizabethtown, PA)
7. Annie R.  
b. 2 Mar 1857  
m. 14 Nov 1882  
sp. John Engle Gish ( b. 17 Aug 1856, son of Benj. Gish and \_\_Engle)  
d. (last resided at Abilene, KS)
8. Sarah  
b. 5 Aug 1859  
m. 18 Dec 1884  
sp. Peter Risser (b. 4 Apr 1858, son Samuel Risser and Frances Stauffer)  
d. (last resided Bellaire, PA)

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9. Jacob R.  
b.27 Aug 1873  
sp. Amanda Risser  
d. 16 July 1895 (dau John Risser and Frances Risser)  
(last resided Elizabethtown)
10. Isaac R.  
b. 7 Mar 1862  
m. 1 May 1901  
sp. Nora E. Cassel (b. 27 Nov 1869, dau Henry H. Cassel and Annie Minish)  
d. (last resided Elizabethtown)
11. Amos R.  
b. 5 June 1863  
m.24 Nov. 1887  
sp. Catherine R. Gish (b. 11 Jan 1866, dau Jacob Gish and Elizabeth Rutt  
d.(last resided Elizabethtown)
12. Rev. David  
b. 28 Aug 1868)  
d. 11 Dec 1899, Elizabethtown, PA

Abraham Herr and Anna Reider lived their lives among their Mennonite kin in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Several of their sons later migrated west to Kansas.

Abraham descended from, Abraham, eldest son of the immigrant head of the Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania. Abraham Herr was born in 1660 in Switzerland to the Reverend Hans Herr and his wife Elizabeth Kendig. Abraham's son was also named Abraham and he too was born in Switzerland in 1700. His son, Christian was born in Manor, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1746. Christian and his wife, Frances Martin, had a son named Abraham in 1771. Abraham married Maria Funk and had a son, Rudolph. Rudolph was the father of the subject of this family group sheet. Throughout this history in America, the family had migrated less than fifty miles from the original settlement.

## SOURCES

1. Most data is from: Theodore H. Herr, Genealogical Record of Rev. Hans Herr and his Lineal Descendants (Lancaster, PA: 1908). Abraham is #2637 on p. 155; his children are shown on p. 362
2. Addition data is from Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com as follows:  
Abraham Herr # 40315940  
Nancy Reider Herr # 40315989

Both buried at "old family farm" that was later acquired by Amos Herr (Elizabeth town, Lancaster Co., PA)

## Family Group Sheet

### 2.1.1 Rudolph Herr & Anna Hostetter<sup>4</sup>

Husband: Rudolph Herr

b. 10 May 1801

m. Anna Hostetter

d. 23 Mar 1888

bur. Cross Roads Cemetery, Mount Joy, PA.

Husband's Father: Abraham Herr

Husband's Mother: Mary Funk

Wife: Anna Hostetter

b. 26 Sep 1796

d. 28 Sep 1884

Wife's Father:

Wife's Mother:

Children:

1. Abraham

b. 1 Jan 1824, Elizabethtown, PA

m. 26 October 1843

sp Anna Reider (b. 15 May 1822, dau George Reider and Catherine \_\_\_\_)

2. Martha

b. Elizabethtown, PA

3. Mary

b. 16 Nov 1827

m. 25 Dec 1856

sp. John Shiffer (b. 16 Nov 1827, d. 25 Jan 1901, son of Jacob Shiffer, Elizabeth Gepfer)

d. (last resided in York, PA)

4. Rudy H.

b. Elizabethtown, PA

m. \_\_\_\_ Shearer

d. (last resided Elizabethtown)

5. John

b. 11 Jan 1834

m. 23 Nov 1856

sp Barbara Peters (b. 2 Oct 1838, dau. of John Peters and Elizabeth Shank)

d. (last resided in Manheim, PA)

6. Catherine

b.

d. 11 Nov 1900, Mt. Joy, PA

7. Susan

b.

d. (last resided Columbia, PA)

8. Eliza

b.

d.

sp. Hiram Beatty

d. (last resided Maytown, PA)

9. Annie

b. 8 July 1830

m. 6 Aug 1861

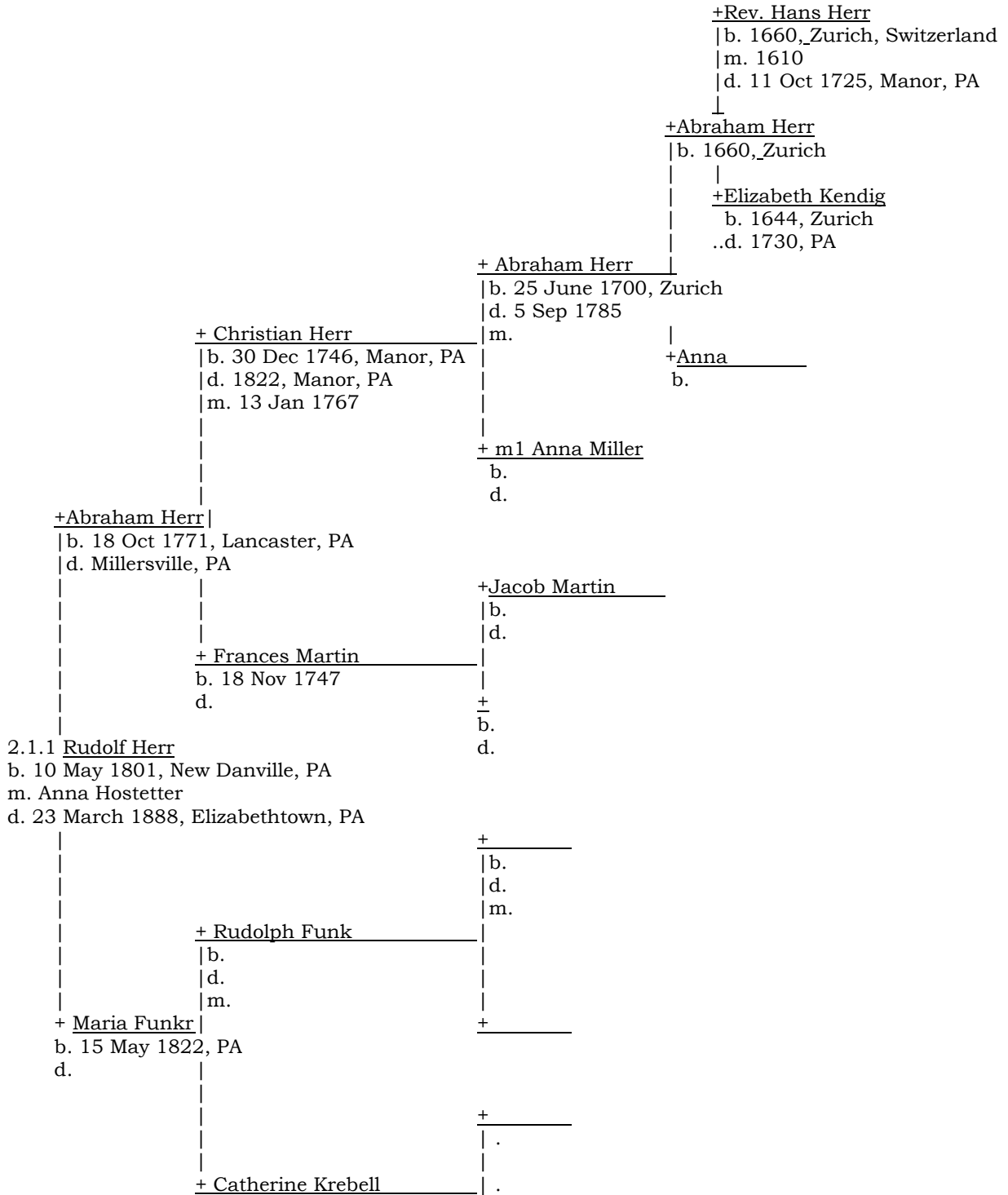
sp. Samuel Shearer (b. 7 Mar 1821)

d. (last resided at Mt. Joy, PA)

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<sup>4</sup> No independent research has yet been performed. All data is from: Theodore H. Herr, *Genealogical Record of Rev. Hans Herr and his Lineal Descendants* (Lancaster, PA: 1908). Rudolph is #793 on p. 46; his children are shown on p.155. His death and burial is recoded at Find-A-Grave at Ancestr.com, memorial 128704259

## Ancestors of Rudolph Herr<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> The ancestors are as shown in Theodore Herr, *op. cit.*: Abraham #211, Christian #47, Abraham #9, Abraham #2, Rev. Hans #1.

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