

Hintermeister Clans in the United States

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Introduction

Throughout the 1800s and early 1900s, there were a number of Hintermeister immigrants who came to America. Some of these early immigrants started Hintermeister clans of significant size, while others apparently have no Hintermeister descendants currently living in the U.S. Most of the information about the United States Hintermeister clans has been provided by family members and is believed to be accurate.

There are three major Hintermeister clans and two smaller Hintermeister clans in the United States today. The majority of the Hintermeisters living in the United States today belong to one of these five clans.

The Michigan and Ohio clans include a few Hintermeister families, but the majority of the Hintermeister families belong to one of the following larger clans:

- Iowa clan
- Illinois/Minnesota clan
- New York clan

Iowa Clan

The Iowa clan was started by two brothers from Tuttlingen, Germany, who immigrated to the United States in the mid 1800s. This was the first Hintermeister clan to be established in the United States. The two brothers were:

Johann Jakob (Jake) Hintermeister	20 November 1820 - 24 February 1915
Johannes (John) Hintermeister	18 June 1827 - 2 December 1919

Jake and John came from a large family of ten children, however, only five survived to adulthood. Their father was a day laborer and later a farmer, and their grandfather was a knitter by trade.

Johann Jakob (Jake) Hintermeister

Jake was the first to leave for America in 1848 at age 28. Jake lived in St. Louis, Missouri, for about a year and, while there, he married Rosina Dold on 31 December 1848. Rosina was also a former resident of Tuttlingen, and Jake, Rosina, and Rosina's family traveled to America together on the same ship. In 1849, Jake and Rosina moved to Muscatine, Iowa.

In August 1858 Jake and his brother-in-law, Jacob Dold, went into business partnership and began the "Dold and Hintermeister Brewery". The following year in March 1859, Jake and Jacob also started another business, the "Great Western Saloon". In June 1859 Jake assumed full control of the saloon, and Jacob became sole owner of the brewery. Jake continued to run the saloon for nine years. However, in June 1868, Jake sold the business and became a fulltime farmer.

Jake and Rosina had three children. They are listed in order of birth as follows:

Jacob John	3 March 1851- 27 October 1929
Rosina	8 April 1854- 11 July 1930
Mary Catharine	8 August 1856- 9 May 1907

Unfortunately, Rosina died at a relatively young age of 51 on 26 March 1873. Jake survived Rosina by many years, attaining the very old age of 94. He died on 24 February 1915.

Johannes (John) Hintermeister

John went to America in 1854, six years after his brother Jake. Perhaps John did not initially plan to come to America, as he married Elizabeth Huber, a life long resident of Tuttlingen, on 14 June 1853. The following year, the couple had a baby girl, who, unfortunately, died two weeks later.

With the death of their first child and positive reports from his brother, Jake, who was already in America, John and Elizabeth may have been inspired to seek a better life in America. In 1854, at age 27, John went to America, followed by his wife, Elizabeth, a year later in 1855.

When John left Germany, it was natural that he would also settle in Muscatine to live near his older brother. However, John did not pursue the same type of work as his brother Jake. John

worked as a teamster, and it is believed that he did general hauling, street grading, and sold goods at the city market.

John and Elizabeth had a total of eight children. They were:

Maria Barbara	17 July 1854-29 July 1854
John Buchanan	2 August 1856-29 July 1939
Jacob	4 April 1858-10 March 1927
Frederick John	15 February 1862-2 November 1926
Rosina B	24 October 1864-30 January 1914
George J	24 July 1867-20 March 1949
William Bernhardt	15 February 1870-7 July 1887
Male Child	Unknown

From these children are descended most of the Hintermeisters living in the area today.

Both Elizabeth and John lived to see the next century. Like Jake, John lived a very full life reaching the age of 92 before he died on 2 December 1919. John also survived his wife, Elizabeth, who passed away on 28 December 1903 at the age of 73.

There are currently over 30 Hintermeister households in the Iowa clan.

Illinois/Minnesota Clan

Johann Gustav Hintermeister (30 March 1852-9 February 1906).

Johann Gustav was known by all as Gustav. Gustav was born in the area of Diettlicon, Canton Zurich, Switzerland on 30 March 1852, and his descendants comprise the Illinois/ Minnesota clan of Hintermeisters. Gustav was the son of Hans Jacob Hintermeister (21 November 1811-1890) and Anna Meyer.

Very little is known about Gustav's parents. Hans Jacob was a teacher and Anna was from the village of Seebach. They were married on 18 Apr 1842. Some family records indicate that Gustav was an orphan at age three, however the Swiss parish records show that his father lived until 1890. It is more likely that his mother died when he was three, and his father was not able to take care of Gustav.

Hans Jacob's parents (Gustav's grandparents) were Johannes Hintermeister (born 20 Oct 1763) and Dorothea Hinnen (born 2 Sep 1770), and they were married on 7 Jul 1799.

The Swiss parish records list Johann Gustav and his three (3) siblings as follows:

Johann Gustav	22 Jul 1843-23 Feb 1844
Anna Bertha	16 May 1845-Unknown
Johann Gustav	30 Mar 1852-9 Feb 1906
Hanna	20 Apr 1853-1853

From the age of three, it is believed that Gustav was raised by an aunt and uncle living in the eastern part of France, called Alsace-Lorraine. Gustav apparently ran away when he was twelve and apprenticed himself to a blacksmith.

At age 23, Gustav departed from Hamburg, Germany on 20 Jan 1875 on the ship Cimbria, and arrived in New York on 6 Feb 1875. Gustav's uncle, Jacob Fuerst, lived in Andalusia, IL, and he may have sponsored or helped Gustav to reach that area. There were a number of Swiss immigrants in that area at that time.

On 28 February 1878 Gustav married another Swiss immigrant, Anna Elizabeth Schneider (17 Apr 1860-4 Jan 1932), who was the daughter of Johann (John) Schneider and Christina Stuke. Gustav and Anna purchased a farm near Andalusia, Illinois, where they raised their family. To this marriage were born nine children, listed in order of birth as follows:

John	1 February 1879-24 May 1939
Lucy	14 June 1880- 1 April 1962
Albert	14 February 1882- 1 May 1968
Mary	1 January 1884- 1 January 1888
Rosa	31 January 1886-21 October 1972
Gus	27 March 1888-11 September 1956
Julia	5 December 1889-29 April 1972
Anna Maria	31 October 1891-18 January 1983
Nellie	2 February 1894-20 January 1986

Although this clan had its start in Illinois, a large number of the clan family members now live in Minnesota. There are currently over 40 Hintermeister households in the Illinois/Minnesota clan.

New York Clan

The New York clan began with three brothers from Winterthur, Switzerland, who immigrated to the United States in the mid 1800s. The three brothers were:

Johann Heinrich Hintermeister	1 Apr 1835 – 10 Feb 1907
August Friedrich Hintermeister	5 May 1838 – 11 September 1897
Otto Julius Hintermeister	12 January 1842 – 5 October 1886

The three brothers were the children of Johann Heinrich Hintermeister (26 October 1806-26 February 1857) and Magdalena Maurer (16 August 1812-26 April 1884). The parents were married about 1830, and Johann Sr., was a merchant of "Rosengarten" (which is the name of the house). There was one sister, Maria Magdalena (5 October 1831-13 March 1896), who stayed in Switzerland.

Johann Heinrich Hintermeister. Johann Heinrich was born in Winterthur, Switzerland on 1 April 1835 and died 10 Feb 1907. The 1900 census shows that Johann immigrated to the United States in 1853.

Johann married Franziska (Frances) Alma German (Feb 1835-14 Dec 1906), who was from New York, and the couple had two children listed in order of birth as follows:

Johann Heinrich	Feb 1861- Unknown
Frederick August	10 Mar 1863-11 May 1934

Johann later married Anna M. Spargo (17 Aug 1867-16 Dec 1941) in 1886, and the couple had three sons listed as follows:

William Tell	18 Nov 1888-18 Jul 1953
Otto O.	19 Apr 1896- Unknown
Otis Earl	19 Apr 1896- Unknown

Records show that a John Hintermeister, age 27 (born c.1836), from Ulysses, New York, was drafted into service for the Civil War on 1 Jul 1863. He is married, his occupation is musician, and he was born in Switzerland. This record matches with what we know about Johann.

In about 1886, Johann founded the Hintermister Organ and Piano Company, Limited in Buffalo, New York. Company letterhead from 1886 states that J.H. Hintermister was chairman, and Otto J. Hintermister was secretary and treasurer. The company went out of business in the early 1900s, but some of the pianos and organs can still be found in museums. It should be noted that Johann and Otto changed the spelling of Hintermeister to Hintermister, however a number of the descendants have changed their name back to the original 13 letter spelling.

August Friedrich Hintermeister. August was born on 5 May 1838 in Winterthur, Switzerland. August married Maria Johanna Henrietta Ulrichs (28 May 1842-1876) on 23 April 1868 in Vegesate, Germany (near Bremen). Maria was originally from Germany, not Switzerland.

The couple lived in Winterthur (near Zurich) for the first few years of their marriage, but the records show that they were living in Zurich-Aussersihl in 1872. To this marriage were born three children listed in order of birth as follows:

Johann Heinrich	10 October 1869-10 February 1945
Hermann Friedrich	19 January 1871- 5 September 1946
Anna Margaretha Elisabetha	12 May 1872- 3 October 1907

Records in Winterthur state that August was a merchant, and that he went to America in 1872. Maria and the family followed in July 1873.

After they arrived in the United States, the family first settled in Cooperstown, New York. In 1876, Maria died in Syracuse, New York, and the children were sent back to Zurich, Switzerland, to live with relatives. August remained in the United States. In 1880 August was living in Buffalo, NY, and was employed as a music teacher. August died on 11 Sep 1897.

After being returned to Switzerland, the son, Johann Heinrich (John Henry), lived his early life with the family of a clergyman. He later studied art at the University of Zurich and displayed sufficient talent to be offered a professorship on the art faculty, after graduating. However, John Henry returned to America in 1892 to help support his father.

John Henry's brother and sister (Hermann Friedrich and Anna Margaretha) did not return to America when they became adults, as Hermann died in Zurich and Anna died in Berlin. Hermann never married and he had no descendants.

John Henry eventually became a well-known commercial American artist. He is best known for painting calendars and cover pages for magazines. He signed his paintings as Hy Hintermeister. John Henry's son, Henry Adam August (10 Jun 1897-11 Jun 1970), also became a commercial artist, and continued painting in the same style as his father. He signed his paintings as Hy Hintermeister, the same as his father, and it is difficult to distinguish between the father's and the son's paintings.

Otto Julius Hintermister. Otto was born on 12 January 1842 in Winterthur, Switzerland, and graduated from the University of Zurich in the mid 1860s as a mechanical engineer. Otto married Katharine (Nina) Klein (8 Jun 1852-13 Aug 1924) on 19 Jun 1873, and shortly thereafter the couple immigrated to America, and settled in Chittenango, New York. It is assumed that Otto settled in America not long after his brother (approximately 1872 – 1874). After arriving in America, Otto changed the spelling of his last name. Mr. Hintermister worked at the woolen mills in Chittenango and later as an engineer for Chittenango Cotton Company, a cotton mill, until the company went out of business in about 1885. He then became the secretary and treasurer for the Hintermister Organ and Piano Company.

The couple had four children (three sons and one daughter), all born in the United States.

Eugene Nina	7 Jun 1874-12 Sep 1926
Alice Marie	15 Jan 1876-21 Nov 1949
William Otto	3 Oct 1877-4 Jun 1946
Werner	(Died at young age)

Mr. Hintermister died of inflammation of the brain at the young age of 45 on 5 October 1886 in Erie, PA.

There are currently over 15 Hintermister/ Hintermeister households in the New York clan.

Michigan Clan

The Michigan clan was founded by two brothers, Emil Hintermeister (25 Sep 1850- 11 Mar 1922), and Rudolph Hintermeister (3 Nov 1849-8 Jan 1914). The brothers were born in Bulach, Switzerland (a few miles north of Zurich). The brothers came from a large family of nine siblings listed below:

Emil (25 Sep 1850- 11 Mar 1922) of San Francisco and Seattle, WA
Rudolph (3 Nov 1849-8 Jan 1914)
Carl of Berlin, Germany
Henry of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic
Marie Knecht-Hintermeister of Zurich, Switz.
Mrs. Dr. Moore-Hintermeister of Uster, Switz.
Mrs. Dr. Weidemann-Hintermeister of Horgan, Switz.
Mrs. Nicolet-Hintermeister of Bulach, Switz.
Mrs. Oberli-Hintermeister of Bulach, Switz.

Emil Hintermeister

Emil came to America prior to 1877, but the exact date could not be confirmed. Emil met and married Alice Spurbeck (born 1858) on 25 Jan 1877. Since Alice was born in Michigan, Emil probably came in 1876 or earlier. For a number of years, Emil lived in Michigan near his brother, where the couple had three children.

Frank T	14 Nov 1880-19 Aug 1901
Marie Sophia	22 Jan 1882-22 Apr 1953
Child	TBD

Their son, Frank, died at age 20, and was not married. Their daughter, Marie, had one son, Leslie, but he does not carry the Hintermeister name, and no information could be found about the third child. He/she presumably died at a young age.

On 4 Feb 1902 Emil and Alice divorced. Emil then moved to Seattle, WA, where he died on 11 Mar 1922.

Rudolph Hintermeister

Rudolph arrived in New York as a young man in 1868, spent some time in New York and other eastern cities and then moved to Chicago in 1869. Later in 1869 he located in Saginaw and from there went to Lafayette Township, Gratiot County, where for a time he was employed as a clerk in grocery and general stores. A short time later he opened a general store and conducted a successful business for several years under the firm name of Hintermeister & Seemann. In 1871, he moved to St. Charles, Michigan.

In about 1874, Rudolph married Virginia Schirmer (16 Apr 1856- 1 Oct 1917). Virginia was born in Ohio, and her parents were from Germany. Virginia had two brothers living in Wheeler, MI, and a sister, Mrs. Lydia Mills, living in Saginaw, MI.

Shortly after his marriage they moved to St Charles, where he had since made his home. He was in business for a number of years in St. Charles, first operating a store and then establishing a nursery, where he raised choice fruit trees.

Rudolf and Virginia had two children:

Otto Rudolf 14 Dec 1875 – Jan 1937
LaRoux B 17 Jan 1890 - 1957

Politically, Rudolph was a democrat. During his residence in St. Charles, Rudolph held several offices of public trust both in the village and township. For a number of years Rudolph held the office of Justice of the Peace, and he was elected Clerk for the village of St. Charles, MI in March 1888.

In about 1894, Rudolph started an extensive real estate business dealing principally in farming lands near St. Charles and northern Michigan lumber properties. Rudolph ran the real estate business until his death. He also played a prominent part in the promotion of agricultural pursuits, importing many Polish and Hungarian farmers and providing them with farms. Rudolph was fluent in seven languages.

In June 1894, Rudolph was running a plant nursery, and ran the following advertisement in the 30 June 1894 St. Charles newspaper:

*Rudolph Hentermeister,
Proprietor of
Belle Avenue Nursery
And dealer in all kinds of Fruit Trees,
Shrubs and Vines. All orders left at his
residence, Belle Avenue, will be promptly
Filled. Satisfaction guaranteed in every Case.*

In March 1902, Rudolph was working for Patterson & Weadock, a Saginaw real estate firm. Rudolph was also a member of the K.O.T.M.M (Knights of the Modern Maccabees).

Rudolph passed away on Thursday afternoon 8 January 1914 at age 65. Rudolph was apparently in good health when he had a fatal stroke while in the witness chair in the courthouse answering an attorney's queries in the case of Andrew Kanzig vs. The Saginaw Salt Co. At the time of his death, Rudolph was Justice of the Peace in St. Charles.

Rudolph was of a nervous and excitable temperament, probably inherited from his father, who died with equal suddenness 45 years earlier in 1869 in Switzerland.

Virginia Hintermeister died at her home on Belle Avenue, Monday morning, 1 October 1917 at age 61. She had been in ill health for a number of years and about two weeks before her death, she had a stroke of paralysis from which she never regained consciousness.

Children of Rudolph and Virginia Hintermeister:

Otto Hintermeister was born 14 December 1875, in Gratiot county and he came to St. Charles with his parents when only an infant. He grew to manhood in St. Charles and worked in a drug store there. He was a registered pharmacist. He left St. Charles in about 1907, and became a traveling salesman. The 1910 census shows that Otto was living in El Paso, TX, and was listed as a shoe merchant. The census shows that Otto was married to Nettie Belle Deats (Belle) (born 1880), who was originally from Michigan. Otto and Belle divorced 18 May 1914. Otto moved to Chicago between 1910 and 1917.

Otto Hintermeister died suddenly in January 1937 in Henrotin hospital, Chicago, after an illness of only eight days. He was 61 years old. Otto did not have any children. Otto is buried in the old cemetery in St. Charles, Saginaw County, Michigan.

LaRoux Hintermeister was born 17 Jan 1890 in St. Charles, MI. He married Mabel Lauer (30 Sep 1900 - 1964), and had four children, Virginia E. (28 Aug 1918-8 May 2011), Charles Otto (8 Nov 1920 – 12 Jun 1975), Robert Leroy (30 Jan 1925 – 27 Aug 1972), and Marie (1 Jan 1932-20 Apr 1992). At the time of his mother's death LaRoux was living in Gratiot County, MI, and at the time of his brother Otto's death in 1937, he was living in Wheeler, MI.

LaRoux's son, Charles Otto, served in the Navy from 15 Sep 1943 to 16 Jun 1945, during WWII. Charles Otto married Wilma Johnson (18 Mar 1932 – Apr 1975), and the couple had six children (four boys and two girls). Charles Otto was living in Grand Ronde, OR, at the time of his death. He is buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, OR (US Navy, SF3, Plot: L 0 879, bur. 06/19/1975). Many of Charles' descendants now live in Oregon and Alaska.

LaRoux's son, Robert, was born 30 Jan 1925. He married Arlene Fletcher, and the couple had one son and three daughters. Robert passed away 27 Aug 1972. Many of Robert's descendants are still in the Michigan area.

Ohio Clan

Paul Conrad Hintermeister (5 Jun 1871-24 July 1943)

Paul Conrad Hintermeister (5 Jun 1871-24 July 1943), who usually went by the name Conrad, came to America from Switzerland in 1891, and settled in Hamilton, Ohio. Ship manifest records show that P. Hintermeister, a 21 year old (born circa 1870) male baker from Switzerland, landed at New York on the ship “La Touraine” on 2 October 1891. Over the next six years, his mother and all but one sibling followed him to America.

Conrad’s mother, Margaretha Holz Hintermeister (Mar 1847-1914), and three of her younger children came to America in 1897 after her husband, Konrad (born 27 Nov 1836), died in Zurich. Konrad was from Dietlikon, and Margaretha was from Birmensdorf, Switzerland. Margareta and Konrad were married on 4 Oct 1869.

Margaretha’s primary and only destination was Hamilton, Ohio, as her oldest son, Conrad Hintermeister, and the oldest daughter, Marie Hintermeister, were already living in Hamilton, and had invited their mother and siblings to join them. Records show that Marie came in 1896.

When Margaretha arrived at Ellis Island, two of the children (Margaret and Ida) were diagnosed with scarlet fever and were forced to remain behind until their health improved. Margaretha left money for their passage with Travelers Aid for their transport to Hamilton when they were sufficiently recovered, and she and the other child made their way to Hamilton, Ohio, from Ellis Island. Her sons, John and Alfred, arrived at New York on 15 Dec 1897, but it does not appear that they were on the same ship as their mother. Her son, Jacob, arrived at New York on 5 Apr 1897.

Konrad and Margaretha had eight children who are listed in order of birth as follows:

Marie Magdalena	25 Jan 1870-4 Nov 1914
Paul Conrad	5 Jun 1871-24 Jul 1943
Albert	21 Feb 1873-Unknown
John Conrad	27 Jul 1875-12 Oct 1900
Jacob	9 May 1880-23 Sept 1937
Alfred	28 July 1882-18 May 1954
Ida Margaret	25 Nov 1884-7 Mar 1964
Margaret	17 Aug 1887-20 Jun 1934

Albert stayed in Zurich, and did not immigrate to America. Little is known about his life.

Family Accomplishments

Alfred A. Hintermeister (9 June 1915-25 January 1993), son of Alfred Hintermeister, served as mayor of West Carrollton, Ohio for 28 years (1960-1987). West Carrollton is a small town between Hamilton and Dayton, Ohio, with a 1993 population of about 15,000. Hintermeister Park in West Carrollton was named in honor of the mayor.

Edwin E. Hintermeister (21 August 1916-22 February 1990), son of Alfred, was owner and CEO of Duemer Pattern Works in Hamilton, Ohio.

There are currently fewer than six Hintermeister households in the Ohio clan.

Terre Haute, Indiana Clan

Julius Hintermeister (24 Dec 1844- 22 December 1920)

Julius Hintermeister (24 Dec 1844- 22 December 1920) was a native of Switzerland, and immigrated to America in about 1866. He lived in Mattoon, Indiana for almost 50 years, and started the Terre Haute, Indiana Hintermeister clan. Julius worked as an Engineer for a cotton factory. Julius married Mary Wolfensperger (24 Dec 1854-25 Oct 1940) on 24 Dec 1874 in Indiana. Mary was also from Switzerland, and came to America in 1871. The couple had five sons all born in America, and they are listed in order of birth as follows:

Henry H.	19 Mar 1876 – 15 June 1938
Julius	18 Apr 1877 – 30 Oct 1943
William	14 Jul 1878 – 21 August 1959
Hans	15 Dec 1879 – 25 March 1967
Arnold	28 August 1884 – 6 July 1970

At the time of his death, Julius was living at 630 North Eleventh Street. He died Wednesday evening 22 December 1920 at age 76, when he was struck by an east bound Pennsylvania freight train, and instantly killed.

Julius was one of the oldest members of the Humboldt lodge No. 42, F. & A.M., and was on his way to attend a meeting when he met his tragic death. He was past master of the lodge, and had a record for punctual attendance at the meetings.

Mary had one sister, Anna Wolfenberger (or Wolfenburger). Mary died at her residence at 620 North Eleventh Street Friday morning 25 Oct 1940. She was 85 years old. She is buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, IN.

The Terre Haute Hintermeister clan got off to a good start by having five sons, and all five sons lived their entire lives in Terre Haute. However, Henry was the only son who married, but he had no children. With the death of the youngest son, Arnold, on 6 July 1970, the last member of the clan was gone. There are no known living members of this clan now.

Wisconsin Clan 1

Hans Jacob Hintermeister (14 October 1826 – 8 August 1908).

Hans Jacob Hintermeister was born 14 October 1826 in Dietlikon, Canton of Zurich, Switzerland. Although he was born Hans Jacob, he was known as Jacob to friends and family. He was the son of Hans Heinrich Hintermeister (9 Jul 1797 -1838) and Katharina Morf (1802 - 1833). When Jacob reached adulthood, he became a wood carver and an American pioneer farmer. Jacob and his siblings are listed in order of birth as follows:

Anna Barbara	9 Oct 1825 – Unknown
Han Jacob	14 October 1826 – 8 August 1908
Suzanna	31 Mar 1829 – 9 Apr 1829

When Jacob was seven years old his mother died and five years later his father died leaving him with his sister, Anna Barbara, who was one year older, and a half brother, Frederick. All were poor orphans who at an early age were compelled to work to support themselves. At an early age, Jacob learned the trade of wood carving, and at the age of 18 left his home as was customary in Europe and went to Germany, where he worked for some years at a turning lathe.

On 21 Mar 1847, he was united in marriage to Suzanna Hintermeister (20 May 1819-23 Sep 1896), his first cousin, who was a native of Dietlikon. Suzanna's father was Heinrich Hintermeister (9 Nov 1793-26 Jan 1857) and her mother was Suzanna Rathgeb (born 17 Jun 1792). Suzanna and her siblings are listed in order of birth as follows:

Felix	20 Jan 1818-Unknown (Maybe Felix Heinrich)
Suzanna	9 May 1819-23 Sep 1896 (Two different Birthdates Listed)
Margareth	20 May 1820-3 Jul 1820
Hans Jacob	3 Jan 1822-16 Jun 1822
Johannes	5 Jan 1823-Unknown
Anna	16 Sep 1824-Nov 1824
Heinrich	26 Aug 1827-1868
Katharina	14 Nov 1828-18 Dec 1884
Anna	25 Aug 1832-Unknown

Five years later, in 1852, induced by the favorable reports about the United States sent by his sister and her husband, Jacob and Barbara Hoffman, who had settled in the town of Stockbridge, Wisconsin, they sailed for America and arrived in Stockbridge, Wisconsin, in October of that year. It is believed that Suzanna's brother, Felix, also immigrated to America.

They evidently settled somewhere in Brothertown after staying with the Hoffmans for a while, because their other children were born in Brothertown. They finally purchased a piece of timberland four miles west of Stockbridge in the town of Chilton, where they lived with their six daughters and one son, Carl. This land, which was for many years the homestead of the family, is now valuable farmland.

The children of Jacob and Susanna Hintermeister are listed as follows:

Caroline	19 April 1848 – 8 June 1916
Anna	22 December 1850 – 5 August 1909
Paulina	15 May 1852 – 9 May 1922

Carl	30 April 1854 – 31 May 1874
Sophia	c. 1856?? - Unknown
Bertha	26 August 1858 – 6 December 1899
Susanna	25 May 1860 – 1 November 1880

Jacob and Susanna's son, Carl, drowned in the Manitowos River in Chilton, Wisconsin, at the age of twenty-one. He was walking to Chilton and had become over-heated and wanted to cool off in the river. He evidently died while swimming because of cramps.

In the dark days of the civil war, Jacob enlisted in the Union Army as a Private on 25 February 1865, and was assigned to Company H. of the 48th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin. He was discharged on 6 June 1865.

On 23 September 1896, Jacob's life companion, Suzanne, died and is buried in Breed (now Hillside) Cemetery. The following year Jacob retired from hard work. He sold his farm to his son-in-law and daughter, Gustave and Pauline Schmeiser, but retained a strip of land near the old home. Here he erected the home in which he resided with his daughter, Caroline, until his death.

Jacob passed away on Saturday, 8 August 1908 at his home in the town of Chilton at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 24 days. Although in feeble health for a few weeks his death was not expected. At one o'clock while going for a drink of water he expired. Jacob is buried in Breed cemetery (now Hillside Cemetery).

Jacob was known as an honest, hardworking man, loving father, obliging neighbor and a good entertainer. By means of hard work and economy he succeeded, step by step, until he was considered one of the wealthiest men of the town in which he lived and died.

Jacob's obituary states that he was the father of ten children. Since there were only six known children who reached adulthood, it is assumed that the other four children died in the first years of their lives.

Although there are a number of descendants of this clan, there are no living members of this clan today who carry the name "Hintermeister".

Wisconsin Clan 2

Heinrich (Henry) Hintermeister (20 Jan 1818-31 Oct 1898).

Henry Hintermeister immigrated to America from Switzerland in about 1853. He married Margaretha Mueller (1 Feb 1831-30 Jul 1901) from Bavaria, Germany. Henry and Margaretha lived for a short period of time in Maryland, as the couple's first two children, Susan and Henry, were born in Maryland, but all of the other children were born in Wisconsin. The children are listed in order of birth as follows:

Susan	9 Oct 1853 – 14 Oct 1923
Henry	15 Sep 1855 – 25 Oct 1874
Anna	1857 – Unknown
Mary	13 Dec 1858 – 28 Feb 1917
Ida H.	20 Jul 1861 – 30 Nov 1927

Margaret	14 Mar 1863 – 11 Sep 1924
Wilhelmina	21 Apr 1865 – 13 Mar 1910
Emma	6 Jan 1872 – 4 Oct 1941
Sophia	19 Dec 1875 – 4 Dec 1944

The couple moved to Harrison, Calumet, Wisconsin in about 1856, where Henry worked as a farmer. They lived the rest of their lives in Wisconsin. Little else is known about this clan. There is only one son in this clan, but unfortunately he died as a young man, and had no children. Therefore, like the Wisconsin Clan 1, there are no descendants of this clan today, who have the name “Hintermeister”.

Note, it is likely that there is a relationship between Wisconsin Clans 1 and 2, as they are both located in the same general area at the same time. Some research indicates that Heinrich (Clan 2) is the brother of Suzanna (wife of Hans Jacob, Clan 1). The Swiss parish records list a Felix (brother of Suzanna) with the same birthdate as Heinrich. If perhaps Heinrich’s actual name is Felix Heinrich, then we have established a link between the two clans. In addition, the obituary of Emma Hintermeister Helmke, Heinrich’s daughter, says that her father was Felix Hintermeister, thus providing further evidence of this theory. It was also rumored that Felix went bankrupt before leaving Dietlikon, so perhaps he just wanted to change his name when coming to America.

The Swiss parish records also show that Felix (born 20 Jan 1818) married Katharina Marti (born 22 Jun 1806) on 9 May 1844 (her second marriage). However, no children are listed to this couple, and it is believed that Felix divorced Katharina on 17 Dec 1846. Since Heinrich’s wife, Margaretha Mueller, from Bavaria is much younger (born 1 Feb 1831), they probably did not marry until about 1851, so she could be his second wife. However, as of this writing, this theorized relationship could not be absolutely confirmed.

Other Hintermeister Immigrants

There were a number of other early Hintermeister settlers in America, but the majority do not have any descendants, who use the name “Hintermeister” today. In most cases, a connection between these early settlers and the clans currently in the U.S. could not be established. In some cases, the name is misspelled, but still recognizable as Hintermeister. The following is a list of these early Hintermeister immigrants, who have been identified:

1. Jacob Hindermeister. The 1880 census shows a Jacob Hindermeister (born 1802 in Baden, age 78) was living in Manhattan, NY. The census also indicates that his parents and wife were born in Baden (initially presumed to be the Kingdom of Baden, now part of Germany). He was a widower and was employed as a dyer (a person who dyes things such as fabrics, leather, hats, fur, or wooden articles). Also living in the same house is Jacob’s son, Henry Hindermeister (born 1854 in NY, age 26). Other records indicate that Henry was born in May 1853. Since Henry was born in New York, his parents immigrated in 1853 or earlier. Naturalization records show that a Jacob Hintermeister from Switzerland declared his intent to be a US citizen in New York on 28 Jul 1852. In Dec 1853 a Jacob Hintermeister was convicted of Petit Larceny in New York City and sent to prison. He was pardoned on 24 Feb 1854. Henry was employed as a cigar maker. In the 1900 census, Henry says his parents were from Switzerland, and Henry is listed as “single”. In the 1910 census, Henry is listed as “widowed”, and again says his parents were from Switzerland. There is a Baden municipality near Zurich, so this is probably Jacob’s actual birth place. Henry died 17 Apr 1919 in Philadelphia. Although it could not be positively confirmed, it does not appear that there are any descendants living today from this family who have the name Hintermeister.
2. Eugene Fred Hintermeister (1871 – 1 Nov 1943) immigrated to America from Switzerland on 16 Feb 1905 and moved to Denver, Colorado. Fred was married to Maria (7 Aug 1875 – 28 Mar 1943)??, prior to moving to the USA. Maria immigrated seven months later on 3 Oct 1905, along with their two daughters. Both Eugene Fred and Maria were born in Switzerland. Eugene and Marie divorced on 15 May 1931. Their daughters are:

Alvina P. 15 Jul 1893 – 5 Mar 1972
Hermine M. 19 Sep 1899 – 7 Dec 1997

All members of this family eventually moved to California. Since there are no sons listed, it does not appear that there are any descendants living today from this family who have the name Hintermeister.

3. John David Hintermeister (12 Mar 1899 – 19 Jun 1980) came to America (Los Angeles) from Switzerland on 15 Jan 1921, and became a naturalized citizen on 19 Nov 1926. He married Harriet E. Gibson (born 7 Sep 1907) from San Fernando Valley Los Angeles, CA on 28 Dec 1925. A year later on 16 Oct 1922, John’s sister Hermine (25 Feb 1895-2 May 1965) and brother, Konrad Albert (27 Apr 1900-Jan 1977) came to America. Almost 20 years later on 1 Jun 1940, John’s other sister, Barbara Magdalena Angerosa (25 Nov 1901-30 Apr 1991) came to America. John David had two children, Elizabeth Jane (23 Mar 1927-9 Sep 1990), and John David Jr (born 1942). John David Jr married Mary Anne Wetherby in 1968. John and Mary had four children: Gwen, John David 3rd, April Dawn, and Spring Heather. Konrad never married, and did not have children.

4. Otto K. Hintermeister (16 May 1899 – Jun 1980) and his wife, Anna Katharine Haug (14 Apr 1899 – 9 Jun 1973) immigrated from Tuttlingen, Germany to Cleveland, OH in 1949. Their only child, Anna Marie Hintermeister (death 1976) immigrated to America with her husband, Kurt Maute in 1953. For many years, Otto was a draftsman of surgical instruments. In later years, Otto and Anna moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Anna and Kurt did not have any children. Otto is distantly related to the Iowa clan of Hintermeisters. There are no descendants living today from this family, who have the name Hintermeister.
5. Peter Hintermeister (born Jul 1833) is listed in the 1900 census living in Wilson, Elbert County, CO. He was born in Austria, and came to America in 1882. His daughter, Therasia (born 1859), came to America in 1896. The census does not show a wife for Peter, so she is presumed deceased.
6. Hans Hintermeister (born 1901) and his wife, Henrietta A. Niesel Hintermeister (17 Feb 1905 – 10 Mar 1993) are listed in the 1930 census. The couple was living in Chicago, IL. Hans immigrated from Germany on 26 Dec 1922, and Henrietta immigrated in 1924. They had one daughter, Ingeborg Caroline (born 1927). Hans is not listed with Henrietta and Ingeborg in the 1940 census, and is likely deceased.
7. Edward Hindermeister (Dec 1846-1 Mar 1914) came to America from Switzerland in about 1870, and lived in New Jersey for about 15 years. Here he married Verena Green (~1850-20 Nov 1884) on 31 Jan 1870. They had a son, Edward (1870-1888), who died as a young man. On 20 Nov 1884 both Verena and an infant baby died. In about 1875, Edward moved to Cleveland, where he married Maria Wagner (Jan 1853-1901) on 8 March 1885 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. The couple had a son, Otto (14 Jan 1886-Feb 1907), who died as a young man. The couple also had two daughters, Freida (born Jun 1888) and Ella Adell (born 12 Dec 1891). Based upon information currently available, it does not appear that there are any descendants of Edward who carry the name Hindermeister. Note, all family members spelled their name with a “d” and not “t”.
8. Erd Hindermeister, a farmer from Switzerland, landed at New York on the ship “Atalanta” on 7 September 1867. Erd was 20 years old (born circa 1847) and his final destination was St. Louis. He appeared to be traveling alone. *This may be Edward Hindermeister (Dec 1846-1 Mar 1914) who first lived in New Jersey and later in Ohio.*
9. Elis Hintermeister, a 22 year old female (born circa 1873) from Switzerland, landed at New York on the ship “Spree” on 5 October 1895. Her final destination was not provided. She appeared to be traveling alone. No further information could be found about this person. *It is possible that she is the wife of Paul Conrad Hintermeister from the Ohio Hintermeister Clan.*
10. George Hintermister, a carpenter 21 years of age, fell dead from sunstroke on 22 July 1879. He was born in 1858. The death occurred outside Livingston County, MI. He does not appear to belong to the Michigan Hintermeister Clan, and *no further information could be found about him or his family.*
11. Bathold Hintermeister (born 1865, age 55) was living in San Francisco, CA, per the 1920 census. No other Hintermeisters were listed with him. Bathold was born in Switzerland and immigrated in 1897. *No further information could be found. The actual entry looks more like Hinterman, which would be a totally different person.*

12. John Jacob Hintermister married Harriet Charlotte Frieberg on 16 July 1860 in St. Louis, Missouri. The actual document says that John Jacob is a widower and Harriet is a widow. *No further information could be found. John Jacob is a very common name, which makes it more difficult to research further. Since this is the second marriage for both, they may be older, and therefore no children resulted from this marriage.*
13. Wilhemine Hinnermeister, age 23 (born circa 1847) from Germany, landed at Baltimore on the ship "Hermann" on 31 May 1882. *There is not enough information to determine who this is.*
14. Fritz Hintermeister, a 26 year old (born circa 1857) farmer from Germany, landed at New York on the ship "Belgenland" on 20 April 1883. He appeared to be traveling alone. His stated final destination was Chippewa. *There is not enough information to determine who this is.*
15. Heinrich Hintermeister, a 21 year old (born circa 1869) seaman from Altoma, Prussia, landed at New York on the ship "Hamburg" on 22 August 1890. His final destination was not provided. There were two other people from the same village on the voyage. *There is not enough information to determine who this is.*
16. F. Hintermeister, a 32 year old (born circa 1859) male laborer from Switzerland, landed at New York on the ship "La Gascogne" on 9 March 1891. His final destination was not provided. *There is not enough information to determine who this is.*