

## **Gottlieb Ferdinand and Catherine (Schaechinger) Huber** **Nineteenth-Century Emigrants** **from Nagold, Württemberg, Germany to Darke County, Ohio**

### **A Biographical Sketch** **Revised April 2026**

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Gottlieb Ferdinand Huber was born and baptized on January 1, 1780, in the small city of Nagold, Württemberg, Germany. He was the son of Andreas Huber and Andreas' second wife, Anna Beutlers.

On February 8, 1803, Gottlieb Ferdinand, better known as Ferdinand, married Christina Katharina Schaechinger, the daughter of Johann Schaechinger.

The ancestors of both families had lived in Nagold for many generations. There are Lutheran Church records for the town of Nagold that go back more than 500 years to the sixteenth century. The family names of Huber and Schaechinger were among the first to appear in these records. Researchers have traced the forebears of Gottlieb Ferdinand Huber back to Johann Heinrich Huber who was born in Zurich, Switzerland in 1640 and died in Nagold in February of 1691.

The twelve children of Gottlieb Ferdinand and Catherine (Schaechinger) Huber found in the baptism and burial records of the Lutheran Church, Nagold, Württemberg, are:

Anna Catharina (B. Aug 26, 1803; D. Mar 6, 1806)

Maria Magdalena (B. Sep 24, 1804; D. Mar 22, 1805)

Anna Maria (B. Dec 27, 1805)

Johann George (B. Jul 11, 1808)

Johann Friedrich (B. May 19, 1811)

Gottlieb Ferdinand (B. July 4, 1813)

Johannes (B. Dec 1, 1815)

Jacob Frederick (B. Jul 17, 1818)

Christina (B. May 23, 1821)

Christian (B. Feb 4, 1824; D. Feb 5, 1824)

Baby Huber (B. Aug 25, 1825; D. Aug 25, 1825)

Johann Theodore Andrew (B. Sep 13, 1826)

*Nagold is a town in south-west Germany, on the banks of the Nagold river and at the edge of the Black Forest, some 50 km. from Stuttgart. The town has a long history -- Evidence of settlement dates back some 2,500 years BCE, to the stone age. Romans and Celts settled here later. In the eighteenth century Nagold was part of the Duchy of Württemberg.*

*Regarding the Hotel Post pictured on the first page – Half-timbered houses date back to the middle ages and were prevalent in this part of Germany due to the abundance of oak in the nearby forests. The building shown here was first constructed in 1697 as a half-way house for travelers on the coach route between France and Switzerland.*

### **IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA**

In 1846, Ferdinand Huber, his wife Catherine Schaechinger and J.T.A., their youngest child left their homeland and immigrated to the United States, joining other sons who had previously immigrated and settled on farms in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio. **The five sons who immigrated and settled in Greenville were Johann George, Johann Frederick, Gottlieb Ferdinand, Jacob Frederick, and Johann Theodore Andrew (JTA).**

The following paragraph on Ferdinand Huber, Sr. and his wife is from a biographical sketch of their youngest son, Capt. John T.A. Hoover, published in *Portrait and Biographical Album of Otoe and Cass Counties, Nebraska* in 1889:

*The birthplace of [Capt. Hoover] was in the city of Nagold, Württemberg, Germany, where he was born on Sept. 13, 1826. He was the youngest of twelve children, seven of whom lived to mature years, but only three of whom now survive. The father, Ferdinand Hoover, was a farmer and stock-trader, and was married in his native Germany to Miss Catherine Schaechinger. This lady was born in 1783, being five years younger than her husband, whose birth took place in 1778. After marriage they settled on a farm in their native Province, where the father carried on agriculture until 1846. He then emigrated to America with his family, landing in New York City after a voyage of twenty-one days. From the great metropolis they proceeded directly to Darke County, Ohio, where the parents settled on a farm, and where the death of the father took place in 1857. The mother survived her husband for a period of seventeen years, passing away in 1874.*

Ferdinand and Catherine Hoover are found in the U.S. Census of 1850 for Greenville, Darke County, living on a farm with their son JTA (listed in this census as Andrew), Andrew's wife "Eva," and infant son Benjamin. Ferdinand's age is given as 71 and Catherine's age is given as 66. As noted above, Ferdinand died about 1857. In the U.S. Census of 1860 for Greenville, Catherine Huber (age 76 from Württemberg, Germany) is listed along with Mary Becker (age 54, also from Württemberg, Germany). Immediately above are listed Andrew Huber, his wife Effy, their seven children and Christina Huber, age 22. Christina has not been identified, but was probably a niece.

Putting together this family has been challenging because of the various names used on census records and other public documents. These men alternated between Huber and the English version Hoover for their surname. The families appear to have followed traditional German naming patterns. Most had two Christian names; sometimes they used one name, sometimes the other. Sometimes they used the English versions of their German names: John, instead of Johann. Or they simply used initials. Compounding the difficulties, the men often used the same Christian names in naming their children.

## THE FIVE SONS WHO IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA

**Johann George Huber** (also known as John or George Hoover) was born in Nagold, Württemberg, Germany and baptized on July 11, 1808. In the late 1840s, he immigrated with his wife and three children to the United States and settled in Greenville, Darke County, OH. In the Census of 1850, "John Hoover," age 42, is listed as a farmer in the township. His real estate is valued at \$600. Also listed is Caroline, age 23 (should be 29), Christian, 12, and Christian (Christina) 8, and Ellen Augusta, 1.

In the Census of 1860, "George Huber," age 52, is listed along with Caroline, 39; Christopher, 22; Christina, 17; Ellie, 10; Frederick, 7; Daniel, 5; Andrew, 3; and George 1.

Johann George Hoover died on November 19, 1887, and was buried in the Wakefield Lutheran Cemetery in Wakefield, Darke County, OH. His date of birth, as listed on his gravestone is June 30, 1808. No further records have been found for George.

**Johann Friedrich (John F.) Hoover**, born in Nagold in May of 1811, married Eva Dorothea Latterle in Nagold on October 10, 1833. They had eight children, all born in Nagold. By 1850, Johann and his family had also settled on a farm in Greenville, Darke County, OH.

John F. (age 42) is listed along with Dorothea, 41, John, 16, Catherine, 12, Frederick, 10, and Magdalena, 8, in the U.S. Census of 1850 for Greenville, Darke County, Ohio.

Johann Friedrich was the father of Ferdinand G. and John C. Hoover, both of whom served in the Civil War. In the U.S. Census of 1850 for Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, Ferdinand is listed as a 15-year-old "manufacturer" living in the household of the Akins family in Greenville Township. Ferdinand married Mary Cole Wintermute in May of 1856. In 1861, Ferdinand enlisted in Company G. 40th Regiment, Ohio Infantry of the Union Army. He was killed in the battle of Chickamauga in 1863. John F. Hoover's son John C. also enlisted in Company G., joining his brother. John was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga but survived and returned home. On September 13, 1866, he married Mary Cole Wintermute, his brother's widow. John C. Hoover died on December 24, 1868, and is buried in the Sharpeye Cemetery, Washington Township, Darke County, OH.

Son Ferdinand G. Hoover refers to his father in several surviving letters written to his wife Mary during the Civil War. He does not reference his mother, so it appears that his mother had died before 1861.

Johann Fredrich Huber died on December 1, 1868, and was buried in the Wakefield Lutheran Cemetery, Wakefield, Darke County, OH. Posted on the Find a Grave webpage for John Frederick Huber is a short newspaper clipping transcribed as follows: "*Sudden death -- On last Wednesday John Frederick Huber, residing on Main Street, died very suddenly. He had just seated himself at the dinner table and was in the act of saying grace, when the messenger of death summoned him to stand in the presence of that Great Judge to Whom he was then in the act of returning thanks for his bountiful goodness and protection. He died, serving his God.*" (no name of publication, no date of publication)

**Gottlieb Ferdinand (Ferdinand) Huber** was born and baptized in Nagold, Württemberg, Germany on July 4, 1813. Ferdinand, his wife Anna Maria, and three children immigrated to the United States in 1845.

The family is listed on the passenger list of the ship *Herald* which left Rotterdam, Netherlands and arrived in Baltimore, Maryland in July of 1845. The names as recorded on the passenger list: Ferdinand Huber, age 32, a weaver; Anna Maria, his wife, age 30; Jacob Frederick, age 6; and Gottlieb Ferdinand, age 3. Lana, who would have been an infant, is not listed on the passenger list. Immediately below Ferdinand's family are his brother Jacob Frederick Huber, age 29, along with his family. There is another Jacob Huber, age 25, also a weaver from Württemberg, listed immediately below Jacob Frederick's name. This latter Jacob has not been further identified. Perhaps he is a cousin? All were from Württemberg. (Source: Baltimore, Passenger Lists, 1820-1964)

In the U.S. Census of 1850 for Greenville, the family is listed as follows: Ferdinand Hoover, age 37; Caroline, age 31; Frederick, age 11; Ferdinand, age 8; Lana, age 6; and Louis, age 2. All members of the family but the last child were born in Germany. Louis was born in Ohio. Ferdinand's occupation is listed as farmer, and he had property worth \$600. In the Census of 1850, Ferdinand's wife is listed as Caroline. Did Anna Maria die or was the name registered incorrectly?

In the U.S. Census of 1860, Ferdinand is still farming in Greenville. He is listed in this census as Ferdinand Huber, age 48, a farmer with real estate worth \$1,000 and personal property valued at \$300. His place of birth is listed as Württemberg. His wife is listed as Hannah, age 41 from Hanover, Germany. Three children are listed: Ferdinand, age 17; Lewis, age 9; and Mary, age 6. Ferdinand is listed as born in Württemberg; the youngest two were born in Ohio. Apparently, Ferdinand's previous wife or wives had died. His oldest son Frederick is not listed and had probably left home. His daughter Lana, who would have been 16 in 1860, had either died, married, or was living with another family.

**Jacob Frederick Huber** was born and baptized in Nagold, Württemberg, Germany on July 17, 1818. By 1850, he was living in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio where his parents and four siblings, along with their families, had also immigrated and settled.

Jacob Frederick Huber, age 29, along with his wife Anna Maria, age 29, and child Johann George, age 3, is listed on the passenger list of the ship *Herald* which left Rotterdam, Netherlands and arrived in Baltimore, Maryland in July of 1845. All are listed as born in Württemberg. Jacob's occupation is listed as farmer. Immediately above his name is Ferdinand Huber and his family. (Source: Baltimore, Passenger Lists, 1820-1964)

In the U.S. Census of 1850 for Greenville, there is no "Jacob Huber" or "Frederick Huber" listed. However, "Frederick Hoover", age 32, is listed along with his wife, Mary, age 34, George, age 8; Mary, age 4; Catherine, age 3, and Caroline, age 1 month. Frederick is listed as a farmer with property worth \$500. According to this census, wife Mary, along with the couple's first two children, George and Mary, were born in Ohio. Catherine, their third child, was born in Virginia and Caroline, the fourth child, in Kentucky. Ferdinand Hoover, likely Frederick's brother, is listed on the same census sheet, almost immediately above Frederick. The census taker was either careless or having some fun because 3-year-old Catherine was listed as a farmer with property

worth \$2,500! Considering the census of 1860 (information below), the census taker did not get the places of birth for the wife and children correct either. (Source: U.S. Census record downloaded from Ancestry.com on May 16, 2019)

In the U.S. Census of 1860 for Greenville, there is no "Frederick Hoover" listed. However, "Jacob F. Huber," age 41, is listed along with his wife, Mary, age 42, and children George, age 18; Mary, age 12; Catherine, age 10; Caroline, age 8; Christian, age 5; and Philip, age 4. In this census, Jacob and Mary are listed as born in Württemberg, Germany. All the children are listed as being born in Ohio. Although there are some discrepancies in age and place of birth, this is presumed to be the same family.

By 1870, Jacob was living in Louisville, Cass Co. Nebraska. His brother, Capt. J.T.A. Hoover had the distinction of being one of the founders of Louisville. In the U.S. Census of 1870 for Louisville, "Jacob F. Hoover" (52) is listed along with Mary (53), George (28), Callie (20), Christina (18), and Philip (13). The parents and the oldest son, George, are listed as born in Württemberg and the youngest three children are listed as born in Ohio. Jacob had real estate worth \$12,000 and personal property valued at \$1,500.

In the US Census of 1880 for Louisville, Nebraska, "Jacob F. Huber" (61) is listed along with Mary M (62), and their adult children: Geo J. (34), Caroline (27), Christina (25), and Philip (23). Jacob and his two sons are listed as merchants. The two daughters are listed as milliners.

**Johann Theodore Andrew (Capt. John TA) Huber** was born on September 13, 1826, in Nagold. He was the youngest of 12 children born to Ferdinand Huber and Catherine Schaechinger. In 1846, he immigrated with his parents to Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, joining other brothers and their families who had already settled there.

The following information comes from a biographical sketch of Captain Huber included in the *History and Financial Resources of Louisville, Nebraska*.

*Of his early education it noted, "Attending the common schools of his native country until he was fourteen years of age, he entered a laboratory and learned the compounding of medicines, devoting most of his time to the study of chemistry. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of Dr. Frances Croener, spending two years with this gentleman traveling about Europe."*

When his parents and siblings decided to immigrate to America, the young man decided to go along, settling with them on the elder family's farm in Darke County, Ohio. In 1848, he wed Miss Effie Houfnatral, originally from Pennsylvania.

In the U.S. Census of 1850 for Greenville, Darke County, JTA (listed in this census as Andrew), Andrew's wife "Eva," and their infant son Benjamin are living with his parents on their farm.

In 1853, he joined the Ohio state militia. He was soon promoted to captain of his company. In 1861 the American Civil War broke out. *"At the first call for volunteers, he made up a company known as Co. D 58th Ohio Vol. infantry of which he was the head, receiving his commission from Governor Denison of Ohio. He was thus actively engaged for two years, being compelled to return home in '63 owing to ill health"*.

As soon as he could, Captain Huber sold his property in Darke County and moved to Cass county, Nebraska, There he purchased 320 acres. Captain Huber was one of the founders of Louisville, helping to lay out a plan for the town and constructing the city's first home there. He became one of the town's most prominent citizens.

The biographical sketch noted that *“After signalizing himself in a most decided manner as a man well fitted for positions of trust and responsibility, Captain Hoover was, in 1865, elected to represent this county in the Nebraska legislature on the Republican ticket, endorsed by the democrats. He served his term acceptably there and returned to his farm. In 1870, when the B. & M. Railroad company built their road through this section, Mr. Hoover gave them \$500 out of his own pocket to locate their station at this place. This move was the foundation of Louisville.*

Captain Hoover and his wife had ten children, four boys and six girls. The children are identified in the U.S. Census records of 1850 and 1860 for Greenville, Darke County, Ohio and the U.S. Census records of 1870 and 1880 for Louisville, Cass County, Nebraska.

Captain John T. A. Hoover died on January 2, 1906, at the age of 79, and is buried in the Riverview Cemetery in Louisville, Cass County, Nebraska. He shares his gravestone with his wife Effie who died on March 11, 1914.

## SOURCES

The records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths which took place in Nagold, Württemberg, Germany are found in the indexed collection, " Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1500-1971," downloaded from FamilySearch.org, April 2026. (Note: Records have been extracted and images digitized by Ancestry.com. German Lutheran Collection, various parishes, Germany.)

Baltimore, Passenger Lists, 1820-1964; National Archives and Records Admin.; Downloaded from Ancestry.com on May 16, 2019

U.S. Census records of 1850 and 1860 for Greenville, Darke County, OH  
U.S. Census records of 1870 and 1880 for Louisville, Cass County, OH

Find a Grave website, Wakefield Lutheran Cemetery, Wakefield, Darke County, OH for Johann F. and Johann George Hoover. Accessed in April 2026.

Find a Grave website, Riverview Cemetery, Louisville, Cass County, Nebraska for Capt. John T. A. Hoover. Accessed in April 2026.

Fold 3 Civil War Military Archives for Ferdinand G. and John C. Hoover.

Capt. John T.A. Hoover is the subject of a biographical sketch published, along with his portrait, in *Portrait and Biographical Album of Otoe and Cass Counties, Nebraska*. (Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1889. p 1050-52; Downloaded from Archive.org on June 2, 2019.) A paragraph on his parents is also included in the biographical sketch of J.T.A. Hoover.

Another biographical sketch of John T.A. Hoover (Huber) is included in the *History and Financial Resources of Louisville, Nebraska*, compiled and published by The Louisville Weekly Courier, Louisville Nebraska, c 1905; downloaded from NE Gen Web Project on May 15, 2019.

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