

PART I.

The family name "Stauffer" came from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, and was originally a title of an official position, "The Cup Man or Cup Bearer." This title became a family name, descending from father to son. There are many of this name now in the Canton of Berne and throughout Switzerland and also in Germany.

We commence our record with Daniel Stauffer, who was born in Thun, a town in Switzerland, at the head of Lake Thun, in A.D. 1630.

It is not known when or to whom he was married. Hans Stauffer, who was a son of Daniel, started for America 1709. The evidence goes to show that Hans, with his wife and three sons, Jacob, Daniel and Henry, and one married daughter, arrived in Philadelphia in the summer of 1710. Where Hans first settled is uncertain, but on December 31, 1712, his eldest son, Jacob, bought from Samuel Powell, of Philadelphia, five hundred acres of land on the west branch of Perkiomen Creek, in what is now Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

His third son, Henry, married Magdalena Hess, to whom were born eleven children.

Abraham being the sixth child of Henry.

The records of this Abraham tell us that he, with his two sons-in-law, Metz and Shetter, bought a large tract of land, out of which they made three farms, about a mile east of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Abraham built a flouring mill about 1793, which was operated by his direct descendants for ninety years, and from which the present Stauffertown received its name.