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February 1, 2010

To: Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen SOB  
Washington, DC

Subject: Letter of Explanation

Committee,

Based on information I found on the Internet, I was led to believe that to be able to file a complaint with your committee I am supposed to file the complaint with the US Representative who represents the congressional district of my residence. So, I filed my complaint with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's Washington, DC Office for delivery to your committee. I sent my complaint by certified mail so I can confirm that Nancy Pelosi's Washington, DC Office received my complaint on June 15, 2009. I have enclosed a copy of the US Postal Service certified mail receipt and the 'track and confirm' information for the complaint I sent to Nancy Pelosi's Washington, DC Office for confirmation.

At this point in time, I have not received a letter of confirmation from Nancy Pelosi's Washington, DC Office for receiving my complaint and I have not received a statement concerning the resolution of my complaint from your committee.

I decided to call Joe Lieberman's Washington, DC Office to inquire about filing a complaint with your committee. The person I spoke to on the phone said I can mail a complaint directly to your committee. So, I have enclosed my complaint for the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs. I am including this letter of explanation in a separate folder.

I have changed the date of the complaint letter from June 3, 2009, to February 1, 2010, to bring the complaint letter up to date. I have deleted a note at the end of the complaint letter concerning filing the complaint with Nancy Pelosi's office, and contact information for Nancy Pelosi's office. This information is irrelevant to the complaint. I have made these changes because I want to use this 2nd version of my complaint for my record.

I have included some new evidence for my complaint with this letter. I have found contact information for the Elders of the 3 Hutterite Leuts, as Dariusleut, Lehrerleut, and Schmiedeleut, and the President of the Hutterian Brethren Church. I sent a letter to these individuals in September 2009 to request documentation of the Hutterian Brethren Church's official membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony. At this point in time, I have not received any documentation from any of the individuals.

The individuals are:

a) Martin Walter

Elder, Dariusleut  
Minister, Spring Point colony  
Pincher Creek, Alberta

b) Peter Entz

Elder, Lehrerleut  
Minister, Crystal Spring colony  
Magrath, Alberta

- c) Jacob Kleinsasser  
Elder, Schmiedeleut Group 1, Hutterian Brethren  
Minister, Crystal Spring colony  
Ste. Agathe, Manitoba
- d) John Stahl  
President, Hutterian Brethren Church  
Elder, Dariusleut  
Minister, Veteran colony  
Veteran, Alberta

I received a phone call on 10/13/09 from John Stahl, President of the Hutterian Brethren Church, to inform me that he received my letter. I believe Mr. Stahl considers his phone call to be a substitute for written documentation so I believe the Hutterian Brethren Church does not have a official membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony.

In my complaint letter I am making the case for the expulsion of all Hutterite colonies from the USA based on a letter I received from Walter Hofer, King colony, Montana. In the letter Mr. Hofer establishes a closed membership policy applicable to all Hutterite colonies. In the letter Mr. Hofer says,

"...it is impossible for you to join a Hutterite colony. I have brought your letter to the attention of our colony members and other members among different colonies. We are all in agreement that it is impossible for you, or anyone else, to join a Hutterite colony."

In my complaint letter I characterize the closed membership policy as a 'closed membership and admission policy' because Mr. Hofer says there is no future with the Hutterites. The idea that I want to convey is a 'closed door policy'. For the sake of simplicity, I will refer to the policy as a closed membership policy in this letter.

I have enclosed a copy of Walter Hofer's letter, dated 3/10/08, with my complaint letter and with this letter, for your reference. I have enclosed some more documents to establish Walter Hofer as a member of King colony with this letter, as:

- a) A copy of a webpage with a offer of public visitation from Ayers Colony, King Colony, and Spring Creek Colony, in the Lewistown, Montana area. The webpage is from the website [[www.destinationlewistownmontana.com](http://www.destinationlewistownmontana.com)]. The webpage includes contact information for the colonies. The section on King Colony includes a reference to Walter Hofer and contact information for him via his wife, Rita Hofer.
- b) A copy of a e-mail from Don Murphy, with a reference to his inquiry to King Ranch colony and Wes Hofer, Walter Hofer's son, about Walter Hofer's letter. The e-mail is dated 4/2/08. King colony is also known as King Ranch colony.
- c) A copy of a Anabaptist Voice newsletter authored by Don Murphy. The newsletter will establish Don Murphy's character and includes contact information for him. The newsletter is dated 1/14/2010.

In my complaint letter I refer to the USDA ownership share information for King Ranch Colony, which includes Walter Hofer's 1.86% share, as a way to establish Walter

Hofer as a member of King colony. The additional documents will be substantiating evidence.

I received a letter from Eli Hofer, Pastor, North Harlem colony, Montana, dated 9/22/09. In the letter Mr. Hofer says,

"The Hutterite church doesn't have a policy as far as joining is concerned. Each colony makes a decision on an individual basis."

Mr. Hofer's statement is in response to my inquiry about the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony.

I have enclosed a copy of Eli Hofer's letter with this letter.

In my phone conversation with John Stahl, President of the Hutterian Brethren Church, he said it is possible for a person to join a Hutterite colony based on these 2 conditions:

- 1) A person must give up personal ownership.
- 2) A person must accept the Hutterian Brethren Church.

Mr. Stahl said that if a person accepts these 2 conditions then a person qualifies for a one year trial period at a Hutterite colony.

Mr. Stahl has verbally expressed the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony but he has not sent written documentation of the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy to me. I know this for a fact because I sent a 2nd letter to him on 12/3/09 and I received a 2nd phone call from him on 1/8/10 saying he had received my 2nd letter. In response to my inquiry about the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy he said I should contact a Hutterite colony to inquire about joining their colony.

So, Mr. Stahl has verbally expressed a accepted practice as a membership policy but he has not established written documentation of the Hutterian Brethren Church's official membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony.

I can conclude that the Hutterian Brethren Church does not have documentation of their official membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony because there is no official membership policy. So, the closed membership policy established by Walter Hofer can be established as the Hutterian Brethren Church's official membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony because the policy applies to all Hutterite colonies. So, I can make the case for the expulsion of all Hutterite colonies from the USA based on the closed membership policy established by Walter Hofer.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter I sent to these individuals and The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta:

- 1) Eli Hofer, Pastor, North Harlem colony, Harlem, Montana.

In the letter I refer to Eli Hofer as Minister. The letter is dated September 11, 2009.

- 2) Martin Walter, Elder, Dariusleut, Spring Point colony, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

The letter is dated September 14, 2009.

- 3) Peter Entz, Elder, Lehrerleut, Crystal Spring colony, Magrath, Alberta.

The letter is dated September 14, 2009.

- 4) Jacob Kleinsasser, Minister and Elder, Schmiedeleut Group 1, Hutterian Brethren, Crystal Spring colony, Ste. Agathe, Manitoba.

The letter is dated September 14, 2009.

- 5) John Stahl, Minister and Elder, Veteran colony, Veteran, Alberta.



The letter is dated September 14, 2009.

- 6) John Stahl, Minister, Elder, and President, Veteran colony, Dariusleut, and Hutterian Brethren Church, Veteran, Alberta.

The letter is dated December 3, 2009.

- 7) The Hutterian Brethren Church, 5799 3rd Street SE, Calgary, Alberta.

The letter is dated December 9, 2009.

I have enclosed a copy of the US Postal Service certified mail receipt and the 'track and confirm' information for the letter I sent to these individuals and The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta, to confirm delivery of the letter. I was not able to find some of the 'track and confirm' information because the information was stored offline when I checked the US Postal Service website [www.usps.com].

I can confirm delivery of the letters I sent to John Stahl, President of the Hutterian Brethren Church, by reference to his phone call on 10/13/09, and the 'track and confirm' information for delivery on 12/31/09. The Post Office made a mistake and assigned the same tracking number to 2 pieces of mail including the first letter I sent to John Stahl on 9/14/09. I sent a 2nd letter to John Stahl on 12/3/09 and I can confirm delivery on 12/31/09.

As a note of explanation, according to a Hutterite timeline the 3 Hutterite Leuts joined together to form the Hutterite United Brethren Church in 1950. The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta, was incorporated on 5/31/1951. John K. Stahl is listed as one of the Directors of The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta. In my letter to John Stahl I asked him to confirm his identity as a Director of The Hutterian Brethren Church, confirm the relationship of The Hutterian Brethren Church to the Hutterite United Brethren Church, and confirm the identity of The Hutterian Brethren Church as the main Hutterian Brethren Church. Mr. Stahl has not sent any written correspondence to answer my questions concerning The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta.

I have not found any contact information for the Hutterite United Brethren Church.

I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with information about The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta, from the Industry Canada website [www.ic.gc.ca] with my complaint letter. I called Directory Assistance for Canada at area code 403 for a phone number for The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta, but there is no phone number listed.

I have included contact information for all of the individuals I contacted and The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta, at the end of this letter. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with contact information for the individuals from the Hutterite Directory at the website [www.hutterites.org] with this letter. The Hutterite Directory has contact information for John Stahl, Minister, Veteran colony, Alberta, and includes a phone number so you can contact John Stahl, as President of the Hutterian Brethren Church, by phone.

As a note of explanation, I have enclosed a copy of a webpage entitled 'Types of Hutterites' with information about the Elders of the 3 Hutterite Leuts from the website [www.hutterites.org] with my complaint letter. John Wipf, Rose Town colony, SK, is listed as the Elder of the Lehrerleut. I called Rose Town colony and the person I spoke to said Mr. Wipf has passed away and the new Elder for the Lehrerleut is Peter Entz, Crystal Spring colony, Magrath, Alberta. So, I sent a letter to Mr. Entz.

I am requesting a statement from your committee concerning the resolution of this

2nd version of my complaint, so both you and I know you have considered all of the complaint material and the new evidence. Nancy Pelosi's office has my original complaint in a unsealed envelope and it is available for review. I have provided contact information for sending a statement to me in my complaint letter, so please refer to this contact information.

I have provided contact information for Nancy Pelosi's Washington, DC Office if you want to contact her office.

I have listed the material enclosed with this letter in a materials list at the end of this letter.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Robert Eichhorn

> Materials list

- a) A copy of the US Postal Service certified mail receipt and the 'track and confirm' information for a complaint sent to Nancy Pelosi's Washington, DC Office.
- b) A copy of a letter from Walter Hofer dated 3/10/08.  
(Walter Hofer, King colony, Lewistown, Montana)
- c) A copy of a webpage with a offer of public visitation from Ayers Colony, King Colony, and Spring Creek Colony, in the Lewistown, Montana area. The webpage is from the website [[www.destinationlewistownmontana.com](http://www.destinationlewistownmontana.com)].
- d) A copy of a e-mail from Don Murphy dated 4/2/08.
- e) A copy of a Anabaptist Voice newsletter dated 1/14/2010.
- f) A copy of a letter from Eli Hofer dated 9/22/09.  
(Eli Hofer, Pastor, North Harlem colony, Harlem, Montana)
- g) A copy of a letter to Eli Hofer dated September 11, 2009.  
(Eli Hofer, Pastor, North Harlem colony, Harlem, Montana)
- h) A copy of a letter to Martin Walter dated September 14, 2009.  
(Martin Walter, Elder, Dariusleut, Spring Point colony, Pincher Creek, Alberta)
- i) A copy of a letter to Peter Entz dated September 14, 2009.  
(Peter Entz, Elder, Lehrerleut, Crystal Spring colony, Magrath, Alberta)
- j) A copy of a letter to Jacob Kleinsasser dated September 14, 2009.  
(Jacob Kleinsasser, Minister and Elder, Schmiedeleut Group 1, Hutterian Brethren, Crystal Spring colony, Ste. Agathe, Manitoba)
- k) A copy of a letter to John Stahl dated September 14, 2009.  
(John Stahl, Minister and Elder, Veteran colony, Veteran, Alberta)
- l) A copy of a letter to John Stahl dated December 3, 2009.  
(John Stahl, Minister, Elder, and President, Veteran colony, Dariusleut, and Hutterian Brethren Church, Veteran, Alberta)
- m) A copy of a letter to The Hutterian Brethren Church dated December 9, 2009.  
(The Hutterian Brethren Church, 5799 3rd Street SE, Calgary, Alberta)
- n) A copy of the US Postal Service certified mail receipt and the 'track and confirm' information for letters sent to:
  - 1) Eli Hofer, Pastor, North Harlem colony, Harlem, Montana
  - 2) The Elders of the 3 Hutterite Leuts, as:

- a) Martin Walter, Elder, Dariusleut
- b) Peter Entz, Elder, Lehrerleut
- c) Jacob Kleinsasser, Elder, Schmiedeleut Group 1, Hutterian Brethren
- 3) 2 letters sent to John Stahl, President of the Hutterian Brethren Church
- 4) The Hutterian Brethren Church, Calgary, Alberta
- o) Hutterite Directory contact information from the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)].

> Contact information

- a) Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
  - e-mail (as Speaker of the House): [AmericanVoices@mail.house.gov](mailto:AmericanVoices@mail.house.gov)
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- b) The Hutterian Brethren Church
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- c) John Stahl
  - President, Hutterian Brethren Church
  - Elder, Dariusleut
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- d) Martin Walter
  - Elder, Dariusleut
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  - Spring Point Colony
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e) Peter Entz

Elder, Lehrerleut

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ph (Peter Entz):

call colony number, press 2 for residences, dial extension number for Peter.

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f) Jacob Kleinsasser

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g) Eli Hofer

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Note:

The Hutterite Directory contact information for North Harlem Colony shows the street address as 53 Lilac Loop. My mail was sent and delivered to the street address 55 Lilac Loop.

h) Don Murphy

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Robert Eichhorn  
16<sup>th</sup> Street Hotel Rm 508  
3161 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Eichhorn:

I appreciate your enthusiasm about joining a Hutterite colony. If you are this persistent and determined about joining a Hutterite colony, it seems that you are very capable of achieving many other things, like finding and holding a job. I am glad to see that you do not lack determination, which will serve you well in life.

However, I would like to reiterate what my son stated in his response to your introduction letter. I realize that he may have been a bit blunt, and apologize if he offended you in any way. He was trying to convey, in no uncertain term, that it is impossible for you to join a Hutterite colony. I have brought your letter to the attention of our colony members and other members among different colonies. We are all in agreement that it is impossible for you, or anyone else, to join a Hutterite colony. The fact that you are German has no bearing, what so ever, on joining a Hutterite colony. I have also read the letters you send to the Spring Creek Colony. In it you, in my opinion, forcefully state that since our information is in the public domain, we have an obligation to the public to honor anyone's request of a visit. I disagree. We reserve the right to decline a visit to anyone we feel is unwelcome. We have extended an invitation to you to come and visit for a day, during our first phone conversation. We made it clear that you may visit but not stay. We do not have a responsibility to allow everyone and anyone to visit.

Please realize that there is no future with the Hutterites. Your energy used to pursue this matter can be better spent elsewhere. Please do not send any more letters, money, or call any Hutterite colonies. We have given you our answer. Please accept it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Hofer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Walter Hofer



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### LEARN ABOUT THE HUTTERITE COLONIES OF CENTRAL MONTANA

#### History

The Hutterites are a religious group originating from the Reformation of the 16th century. In the early 1520's, the ferment identified with Martin Luther and the Reformation spread to a group in Switzerland that came to be known as the Anabaptists as they believed in the rebaptizing of adults. The Anabaptists additionally shared a belief in the separation of Church and State and they were committed pacifists. The branch of the Anabaptists that we know as Hutterites was founded in Moravia in 1528 by Jacob Hutter and is distinguished from other Anabaptist sects such as the Mennonites and the Amish by its belief in the community of goods in which all material things are held in common. The Hutterites survived periods of persecution and suffering alternating with periods of prosperity leading to their eventual migration to North America in 1874. Initial colonies were established in the Canadian Prairie provinces and the Dakotas and they prospered until great tension developed during World War I as a result of their pacifist beliefs. Those tensions gradually disappeared during the great depression and during World War II, the Hutterites again refused to participate, but engaged in other forms of alternative public service. Today there are about 45,000 Hutterites living on 460 colonies of which about 50 are in Montana. Additional information on the history and beliefs of the Hutterites are at [www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org).

#### Hutterite Life Today

Hutterites are a communal people living on scattered bruderhofs or colonies throughout the prairies of North America. Their religion is unique in that all material goods are held in common. All members of the colony are provided for equally and nothing is kept for personal gain. In every Hutterite colony, the minister or spiritual leader is also the chief executive and he, along with an advisory board, makes the day to day decisions. The advisory board consists of the minister, the colony manager, the farm/ranch manager and two or three witness brothers (deacons) who are elected for life.



Early education has always played an important role in Hutterite life and usually takes place in public schools located at the colony. More recently, many young colony children go on to public high schools and some are beginning to pursue college degrees. The Hutterites are by nature very hospitable and neighborly and frequent opportunities are found for visiting and joint projects with neighbors or other colonies. Wonderful insights into daily life on a Hutterite Colony are in the book by Lisa Stahl, *My Hutterite Life*. Another great source is Bill Allard's articles in the National Geographic. See <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2006/06/hutterite-sojourn/allard-text>. A distinguishing characteristic of the Hutterites is their entrepreneurial spirit and initiative. A visit to a colony always has surprises in terms of produce or crafts or unique services that fill a niche in the local economy.

## VISIT AND LEARN ABOUT COLONIES IN THE LEWISTOWN AREA

### Ayers Colony

Hello! My name is Marilyn Stahl and I'm a resident of the Ayers Colony. We are located about 6 miles west of Grass Range, 23 miles east of Lewistown on Highway 87. The Hutterites at Ayers Colony came from Austria to Huron, South Dakota where they had resided since 1874. They purchased their land in Montana from former Montana governor Roy E. Ayers in 1944. The Colony currently has 9 families with a total population of 42 persons. Our Colony was the first to record Simmental cattle in the United States. We had cow number 22 in the American Simmental Association and sold bulls and club calves all over the US and Canada.



We have lots of special activities at the Colony that we are proud of. My mother, Anna Stahl, always has some prized poultry she enjoys raising and my brother Bill is Chief of the Cheadle Rural Fire Dept and is always happy to show off his latest fire fighting equipment. My Dad, John Stahl, loves to give tours of the Colony's modern meat processing facility that handled over 700 animals last year. In addition to my work at the Colony, I have been a first responder for the Grass Range Ambulance District for over 10 years and have recently been elected Chief Election Judge for the Grass Range Election District. Another specialty of our Colony is catering meals for special occasions with such delicacies as roast pig or roast quarter of beef.

We always welcome visitors to the colony with advance notice. Give me a call at 406-428-2207 and we can discuss your interests and the kind of visit that you'd find most rewarding.



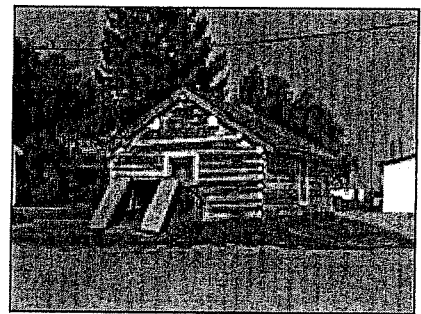
### King Colony

Hello! My name is Rita Hofer and I am pleased to introduce to the King Colony. We are located about 10 miles west of Lewistown on Highway 87 and then 2 miles north along Kolin/Ross Fork Road. Our Colony now owns the King Ranch which was one of the most famous and prosperous ranches in this part of Central Montana. It was first settled by Christ King in 1881 and the original cabin he built still stands on the property. The Ranch was operated by two sons, Anton and Joseph, until a combination of difficult economic conditions during the Great Depression and Joseph's death in 1934 led to the sale of the Ranch to a Hutterite Colony led by Reverend Joseph Stahl in 1935. Our Colony now has 13 families and a total population of 55 people.



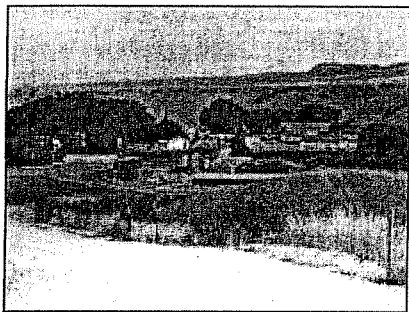
Many of our farm and ranch operations are for our own consumption, but we do have a commercial dairy and cow/calf operation. I keep very busy with work at the Colony but also find time to Chair the local School Board and work as a precinct election worker. I am especially proud of the pheasant wreathes and I also do sewing craft work. My husband "Shorty" (Walter) Hofer works with the farming. I have always been an advocate of higher education for the children and am especially happy that my son Wesley is pursuing his college degree on line.

We often have visitors and I enjoy sharing the history of the ranch with them as well as giving them a glimpse into contemporary Hutterite life. If you would like to visit, call me at 406-538-8840 and we can discuss a convenient time and the things that would be of most interest to you.



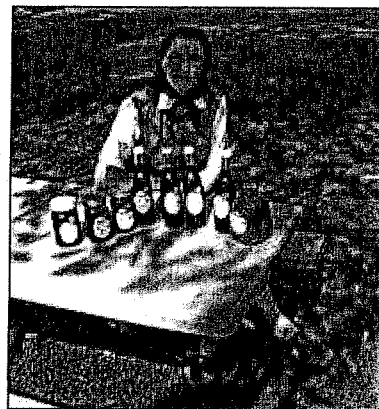
### Spring Creek Colony

Hi! My name is Kathy Walter. I am a member of the Spring Creek Colony located 14 miles northwest of Lewistown on Highway 426. Our Colony has a long history that goes back to 1912 when the King Ranch sold the lower (north) portion of their Ranch to a Hutterite Colony led by Jacob Stahl of Wolf Creek, South Dakota. During World War I, however, persecution of the Hutterites due largely to their pacifist beliefs and German heritage led them to sell the Colony and emigrate to Canada. Subsequently, in 1946, Jacob Walter and Paul Walter led a colony that that once again purchased the ranch. Today, we have about 20,000 acres with 13 families and a total population of 46 people. Like the King Colony, we have a commercial dairy and a cow/calf operation in addition to much agriculture that we pursue for our own consumption.



We stay very busy at the Colony but find time to do volunteer work with the rural fire department in Moore. If you come visit, I'll be sure to show you our beautiful new kitchen and dining complex of which we are very proud. We also have special interests that we pursue when time permits. I am particularly known for my wild Chokecherry and wild Juneberry jellies and syrups. My husband Jim is quite a builder and recently has been making sheds and small storage buildings for people in the area.

If you are interested in learning more about our Colony, I'd be happy to talk with you about a convenient time for a visit and the things in which you'd be most interested. Just give me a call at 406-538-5160.



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To: Robert Eichhorn, phone 415-621-5107  
 16th Street Hotel, Room 508  
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 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Robert,

We received your letter with the copies of correspondence, a total of 19 pages, that you have had with the folks at the Ayers, King Ranch and Spring Creek Hutterite colonies in Montana about joining one of those colonies.

Today we called the King Ranch colony and spoke with 20 year old Wes Hofer there about your contact with them. I asked him to verify what his father, Walter Hofer, had written to you saying, "We are all in agreement that it is impossible for you, or anyone else, to join a Hutterite colony."

Your letter stated that Walter Hofer has 'officially excommunicated' you from all Hutterite colonies. Well, that is not exactly correct. He has no power to do that.

However, it does appear that the doors to the Hutterite colonies in Montana are closed to you. So here are my suggestions.

1. Find a Mennonite church there in the San Francisco area and attend it. There you may find friends and fellowship.
2. Read your Bible daily, go through the Gospels reading and studying a dozen or so verses a day. When you have gone through all four Gospels, start over. Also read the letters of Peter, John and Paul, but read the Gospels more often.
3. Contact the Elmendorf colony in southern Minnesota and ask to visit for a few days. Do not send such a lengthily introduction as you did to the Montana colonies. Just tell them a bit about yourself and why you desire community living. Share your Christian testimony with them.

Gary Wurtz, minister, phone 507-427-2283  
 Elmendorf Hutterian Brethren  
 42668 - 600 Ave,  
 Mountain Lake, MN 56159

4. Contact the Fort Pitt colony in Canada in the same way.

Paul Walter, minister, phone 306-344-4849  
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5. Contact the ISOT community in northern California. They are a communal group but not Hutterite. We have visited them a couple times.

Ron Hassler, phone 530-233-5151  
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Canby, CA 96015

Let's keep in touch and let us know how you are doing. We're praying for you!

a brother in Christ,

Don Murphy  
Tucson, AZ  
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"This is how we love God - by obeying His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? He who honors Jesus as the Son of God." (1 John 5:3-5)

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**Subject:** The Anabaptist Voice 01/14/2010

**Date:** Thu, Jan 14, 2010 2:30 pm

## The Anabaptist Voice

01/14/2010

*Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God: Love, Joy and Peace in Jesus.*

Dear Robert,

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. (2 Peter 1:2-3)



We are having lovely warm days. We enjoy it by going for a walk. We received a phone call

last night from our friend Hyeok Flynt. She told us that it is very cold and snowed where she lives in Oklahoma. It

was so cold that a water pipe in her home busted. However she is doing well. She is an overcomer. Praise God. We lived together at Fan Lake, and we became good friends in the Lord.

We had wonderful time together with our son Patrick and his family, and just before they left, our son Jim came. Little Paul remembered Jim. They were together about a week ago when Pat was visiting Seattle. So Jim picked him up and they were happy together. The day after Patrick and his family left, our son Mike came from Seattle. On Friday we went to be with Mike's daughter Eryn who came to Tucson with her swim team from the New Mexico State University for a swim meet at the University of Arizona.

The next day, Saturday, Jim gave a talk at the Centerfield Baseball Academy in Tucson. So we went to listen to him talk on his theme of changing your mindset. It was a very good talk. We met a lady there who Jim said helped him with his book, Inner Excellence, which is now available in the bookstores and on the Internet.

Mike is gifted with music. He has been a guitar player at church since he was at high school. He led the music at our Home Fellowship meetings in Renton, Washington. It was a joy to sing again with Mike, both in the car as we traveled and at our home church meetings. Our Heavenly Father has been so good to us and we are grateful. We enjoyed the ten day visit by our sons.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Cor 13:14)



Your brother and sisters in Christ,

Don, Michi & Naomi Murphy

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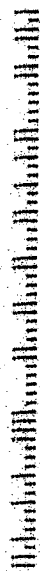
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9-22-09

Dear Mr Eukhorn:

Received your request for information. We'll try to answer as best as possible.

1. There is no "overall 'head' or Bishop for the Hutterian Brethren Church besides the Lord Jesus. Each different group has their own "elder" or "overseer". Pastor or Minister John Stahl is the present "Darius Leut acting elder." The Hutterite church doesn't have a policy as far as joining is concerned. Each colony makes a decision on an individual basis. First requirement would be "are you a born again believer? why are you having problems joining a local assembly where you live? etc.

Hope this is of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Pasta Eli Hofer  
Harlem Mt.  
59526

September 11, 2009

To: Eli Hofer  
Minister  
North Harlem colony  
Harlem, Montana

Mr. Hofer,

Thank you for your reply to my letter. You indicate that the main elder of the Hutterites is John Stahl in Alberta, Canada. According to a webpage entitled 'Types of Hutterites' from the website [www.hutterites.org], there are elders for the 3 Hutterite Leuts. I would like to know if John Stahl is a elder for the Dariusleut, Lehrerleut, or Schmiedeleut, or the main Hutterian Brethren Church. I have enclosed a copy of the webpage for your reference.

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September 14, 2009

To: Martin Walter  
Elder, Dariusleut  
Spring Point colony  
Pincher Creek, Alberta

Mr. Walter,

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September 14, 2009

To: Peter Entz  
Elder, Lehrerleut  
Crystal Spring colony  
Magrath, Alberta

Mr. Entz,

I spoke to you on the phone on Monday 9/14 and I asked about contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church in Canada. I have written to about 50 Hutterite colonies in the USA to ask for the contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church in the USA or Canada. At this point in time, I have not received any contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church.

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You may be interested to know that I found your name, as Elder for the Lehrerleut, by calling Rose Town colony, SK, to inquire about Elder John Wipf. The person I spoke to on the phone said that Elder John Wipf has passed away. The person gave me your name as the Elder for the Lehrerleut. I found the information for the Elders of the 3 Hutterite Leuts at a webpage entitled 'Types of Hutterites' at the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)]. I have enclosed a copy of the webpage from the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)] for your reference.

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September 14, 2009

To: Jacob Kleinsasser

Minister and Elder, Schmiedeleut Group 1, Hutterian Brethren  
Crystal Spring colony  
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Mr. Kleinsasser,

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September 14, 2009

To: John Stahl  
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Veteran colony  
Veteran, Alberta

Mr. Stahl,

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I spoke to a person from Veteran colony on the phone and the person said you are a Elder for the Hutterian Brethren Church that represents the 3 Hutterite Leuts. The person also said that you are a Elder for the Dariusleut. According to a webpage entitled 'Types of Hutterites' at the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)], there are Elders for the 3 Hutterite Leuts and the Elder for the Dariusleut is Martin Walter, Spring Point colony, AB. I would like to know if you are a Elder for the Daruisleut, Lehrerleut, or Schmiedeleut, and if you are a Elder for the main Hutterian Brethren Church in Canada that represents all 3 of the Hutterite Leuts.

I have enclosed a copy of the webpage from the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)] for your reference.

I have enclosed a international reply coupon for your reply. You can take the coupon to the post office and exchange it for a envelope stamped for delivery to the USA.

Sincerely,  
Robert Eichhorn

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e-mail: [robertone@email.com](mailto:robertone@email.com)  
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mailing address:

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**Manager Mike Stahl**

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**Minister John Stahl**

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**Shop 2515**

December 3, 2009

To: John Stahl

Minister, Elder, and President  
Veteran colony, Dariusleut, and Hutterian Brethren Church  
Veteran, Alberta

Mr. Stahl,

I sent a letter of inquiry to you in September and I spoke to you on the phone on Tuesday evening October 13. As you may recall from our phone conversation, I requested some information about the development of the Hutterian Brethren Church since 1950. At this point in time, I have not received any correspondence from you.

I have requested the following information:

- a) Written documentation of the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony.
- b) Contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church.
- c) Information about the development of the Hutterian Brethren Church since 1950.

I sent a letter of inquiry to Hutterite colony ministers in the USA to request information about the Hutterite's membership policy and contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church. I received a letter of response from Eli Hofer, Pastor of North Harlem colony in Harlem, Montana. The letter is dated 9/22/09. I have enclosed a copy of my letter of inquiry and Eli Hofer's letter of response which was written on the back of my letter. I have included contact information for Eli Hofer at the end of this letter.

Mr. Hofer says the Hutterite Church doesn't have a policy as far as joining (a Hutterite colony) is concerned and each colony makes a decision on an individual basis. Mr. Hofer says the first requirement for joining (a Hutterite colony) would be "are you a born again believer".

Mr. Hofer believes there is no head or bishop of the Hutterian Brethren Church besides the Lord Jesus and each group (Leut) has their own elder.

Mr. Hofer mentions your name and says you are the present acting elder of the Dariusleut.

I recall from our phone conversation that you said there are 2 conditions for joining a Hutterite colony, as follows:

- 1) A person must give up personal ownership.
- 2) A person must accept the Hutterian Brethren Church.

I recall you saying that if a person meets these 2 conditions then a person can be given a 1-year trial period at a Hutterite colony to see if it is going to work out.

I would like to know the correct Hutterian Brethren Church membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony, so I am requesting written documentation of the membership policy. I am requesting the official Hutterian Brethren Church membership policy. If this policy does not exist in a written form as an official document then I am requesting your written documentation of the membership policy as you expressed it to me on the phone.

I searched the Industry Canada website [www.ic.gc.ca] for a federal corporation named the Hutterian Brethren Church and I found one named 'The Hutterian Brethren Church'.

This church was incorporated in 1951 and the address is as follows:

The Hutterian Brethren Church  
5799 3rd Street SE  
Calgary, Alberta  
Canada T2H1K1

The information includes a list of names as directors of the church and the name John K. Stahl is listed as one of the directors. The list of names appears as follows:

Joseph Waldner  
Mike Hofer  
Leonard Kleinsasser  
Joseph Kleinsasser  
John K. Stahl  
John Hofer  
Darius Stahl  
Joseph Wurz  
Joseph P. Hofer

I have enclosed a copy of the webpage with the federal corporation information for 'The Hutterian Brethren Church', from the Industry Canada website.

I would like to know if this church is the church that the elders of the 3 Hutterite Leuts and the majority of Hutterites would recognize as the main Hutterian Brethren Church, and you would call the Hutterian Brethren Church of Canada. I would like to know if this church is the church that has established you as President.

If you are the President of this church then I would like to know if the name John K. Stahl that appears as one of the church's directors is your name. I would like to know if the mailing address is correct and I would like a phone number for the church and your phone number so I can contact you by phone if necessary.

If this church is not the main Hutterian Brethren Church that has established you as President then I am requesting the contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church that has established you as President.

According to a Hutterite timeline at the website [[www.organicperspective.com](http://www.organicperspective.com)], the 3 Hutterite Leuts joined together in 1950 to form one church called the Hutterite United Brethren Church (Hutterische Bruderkirche). I would like to know if this church is the same church as 'The Hutterian Brethren Church' listed as a federal corporation in Canada.

Sincerely,  
Robert Eichhorn

Contact information:

a) Eli Hofer  
Pastor  
North Harlem colony  
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mailing address:  
55 Lilac Loop

Harlem, MT  
USA 59526

b) Robert Eichhorn  
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December 9, 2009

To: The Hutterian Brethren Church  
5799 3rd Street SE  
Calgary, Alberta

For: Elders, Ministers, or Staffmembers

I am trying to locate the Hutterian Brethren Church which the elders of the 3 Hutterite Leuts, as Dariusleut, Lehrerleut, and Schmiedeleut, and the majority of Hutterites will recognize as the main Hutterian Brethren Church.

According to a Hutterite timeline, the 3 Hutterite Leuts joined together to form one church in 1950 called the Hutterite United Brethren Church (Hutterische Bruderkirche). I have searched the Internet for this church but I have not been able to find any information for the church as a corporation in Canada.

I have been able to find your church listed as a federal corporation in Canada by searching the Industry Canada website [[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)]. According to the information, your church was incorporated on 1951/05/31 (5/31/1951). I have enclosed a copy of the webpage with information about your church for your reference.

I would like to know if your church is the main Hutterian Brethren Church and is your church the same church as the Hutterite United Brethren Church. I am aware of the 1992 Schmiedeleut split into 2 groups with Jacob Kleinsasser as the elder for one of the groups. I am not referring to either of the 2 Schmiedeleut groups.

If your church is not the main Hutterian Brethren Church then I would like the contact information for the main Hutterian Brethren Church.

The reason I am trying to locate the main Hutterian Brethren Church is because I want to request written documentation of the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy concerning joining a Hutterite colony. If your church is the main Hutterian Brethren Church then I am requesting a copy of the official document of the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy. If a official document is not available then I am requesting written documentation of your version of the Hutterian Brethren Church's membership policy.

Sincerely,  
Robert Eichhorn

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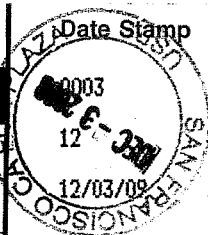


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To: Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen SOB  
Washington, DC

Committee,

I am writing to file a complaint concerning a violation of the agreement of USA citizenship committed by Walter Hofer of King colony, a Hutterite colony in Lewistown, Montana, and applicable to over 100 Hutterite colonies in the USA. The violation is a 'breach of faith and trust' of the agreement of USA citizenship set up by the Constitution of the United States of America and expressed by the 'Oath of renunciation and allegiance' (US Code, Title 8, 1448). I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the 'Oath of renunciation and allegiance' from the website [[www.law.cornell.edu](http://www.law.cornell.edu)]. The 'breach of faith and trust' is the establishment of a closed membership and admission policy, applicable to all Hutterite colonies, which establishes a Hutterite colony in the USA as a independent, autonomous, foreign colony composed of German people. I will be making the case for the expulsion of all Hutterite colonies from the USA. I believe I can establish a legal foundation, based on evidence, to make the case.

A estimate of the population of a Hutterite colony is 50-100 people, and there are over 100 Hutterite colonies in the USA, so the number of people affected is approximately 10,000. The Hutterites have established colonies in Canada and according to the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)] there are close to 45,000 Hutterites living on 460 colonies in North America. According to a chart at the website, there are 124 Hutterite colonies in the USA and 336 Hutterite colonies in Canada. I believe the Hutterites in the USA can return to Canada, so the expulsion of the Hutterites from the USA will not equal their termination.

I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the information for the number of Hutterite colonies in North America. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with a map showing the distribution of Hutterite colonies in North America. Both of these webpages are from the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)]. The webpage with the information for the number of Hutterite colonies in North America is page 3 from a set of 3 webpages referred to as the 'Types of Hutterites' section.

I have enclosed a list in progress of the Hutterite colonies in the USA, a list of additional Hutterite colonies, and contact information for the Hutterite colonies. The contact information comes from the website [[www.implu.com](http://www.implu.com)] and [[www.manta.com](http://www.manta.com)], and Internet telephone directories. I have enclosed a copy of webpages with Hutterite colony contact information from both websites to establish the credibility of my contact information. The webpages from the website [[www.implu.com](http://www.implu.com)] are a list of Hutterite colonies as search results for 'hutterian brethren'. The webpages from the website [[www.manta.com](http://www.manta.com)] are a list of Hutterite colonies as search results for 'hutterian brethren', and a business profile for Warden Hutterian Brethren.

The information about the names of Hutterite colonies comes from a database at the following websites:

- a) [[www.feefhs.org](http://www.feefhs.org)]
- b) [[www.thecommonlife.com.au/pdfs/American\\_Communities.pdf](http://www.thecommonlife.com.au/pdfs/American_Communities.pdf)]

I have enclosed a copy of webpages with the names of Hutterite colonies from the website [www.feefhs.org] as confirmation of known Hutterite colonies on my lists. The names of Hutterite colonies will appear as names for the 3 branches of the Hutterites, referred to as Dariusleut, Lehrerleut, and Schmiedeleut. These different names reflect the names of the leaders who established the various Hutterite colonies. According to the website [www.hutterites.org], the original doctrine of all 3 groups is identical, and differences are mostly traditional and geographical. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the information about the 3 branches of the Hutterites from the [www.hutterites.org] website. The webpage, as a set of 3 webpages, is referred to as the 'Types of Hutterites' section.

I can establish the fact that all of the colonies on my lists of Hutterite colonies are receiving USDA farm subsidies as of 2006. This fact can be confirmed by checking The Environmental Working Group's Farm Subsidy Database at the website [www.ewg.org (link to: www.mulchblog.com)]. I believe the Hutterite's eligibility for USDA farm subsidies establishes their USA citizenship.

To begin my case,

I sent a letter of introduction to Ayers colony, King colony, and Spring Creek colony in November 2007. These Hutterite colonies are located in the Lewistown, Montana, area. I believed in the Hutterite way of life, and I thought I could make a positive contribution to a Hutterite colony, so I expressed my interest in joining a Hutterite colony. I received a letter from Walter Hofer of King colony in March 2008 that establishes a closed membership and admission policy for all Hutterite colonies. In the letter Mr. Hofer says,

"...it is impossible for you to join a Hutterite colony. I have brought your letter to the attention of our colony members and other members among different colonies. We are all in agreement that it is impossible for you, or anyone else, to join a Hutterite colony."

King colony is operating as a nonprofit religious organization affiliated with the Hutterian Brethren Church and has incorporated as a business in the USA. I believe Mr. Hofer is acting as a representative of King colony and the Hutterian Brethren Church, so the closed membership and admission policy can apply to all Hutterite colonies. I have enclosed a copy of Walter Hofer's letter. I believe the letter is admissible as evidence in a court of law.

I can establish Walter Hofer as a member of King colony by his ownership percentage share of 1.86% in King colony. This information can be found in the USDA farm subsidy information for King colony in The Environmental Working Group's Farm Subsidy Database at the website [www.mulchblog.com]. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the information. (The USDA information refers to King colony as King Ranch Colony. The different names represent the same Hutterite colony)

The original Hutterite church, known as the Hutterian Brethren Church, began around 1525. I can establish the Hutterite's link to the Hutterite United Brethren Church, established in 1950, by a timeline from the website [www.organicperspective.com]. The 3 branches of the Hutterites decided to form this church to establish a better position. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the timeline information. I have enclosed a copy of webpages with contact information for the Hutterian Brethren Church in various forms. This information will establish the existence of the Hutterian Brethren Church in



the following forms:

- a) Association Of Hutterian Brethren Churches Inc - Aberdeen, SD, USA  
(information found at the website [www.implu.com] and [www.melissadata.com])
- b) Hutterian Brethren Church-Schmiedenleut Inc - Mitchell, SD, USA  
(information found at the website [www.melissadata.com])
- c) Schmeid-Leut Conference Of The Hutterian Brethren Church Inc. - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
(information found at the website [www.ic.gc.ca])
- d) The Hutterian Brethren Church - Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
(information found at the website [www.strategis.ic.gc.ca])

I can establish a offer of public visitation from Ayers colony, King colony, and Spring Creek colony, and their contact information, from their webpage at the website [www.destinationlewistownmontana.com]. I have enclosed a copy of the webpage.

I can establish a business profile for King colony. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with a business profile for King colony, from the website [www.manta.com]. The business profile shows that King colony was started in 1947 and the state of incorporation is Montana. (The business profile refers to King colony as King Colony Ranch. The different names represent the same Hutterite colony)

I can establish the IRS tax filing information for King colony. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the IRS tax filing information for King colony, from the website [www.melissadata.com]. The IRS tax filing information shows that King colony is filing with the IRS as a 501(d) religious and apostolic association and has been tax-exempt since 10-1948. (The IRS tax filing information refers to King colony as King Colony Ranch. The different names represent the same Hutterite colony)

I can establish the fact that King colony is receiving USDA farm subsidies as of 2006. I have enclosed a copy of a webpage with the USDA farm subsidy financial information for King colony for the years 1995-2006, from the website [www.mulchblog.com]. (The USDA information refers to King colony as King Ranch Colony. The different names represent the same Hutterite colony)

I can establish a list of 85 nonprofit organizations that include the name Hutterian Brethren and are filing with the IRS as a nonprofit organization. I have enclosed a copy of webpages with a list of 85 nonprofit organizations as search results for 'hutterian brethren', from the website [www.melissadata.com].

From all of this information, I can establish a profile of a Hutterite colony as a nonprofit religious organization, affiliated with the Hutterian Brethren Church, that has incorporated as a business and is operating with a closed membership and admission policy.

I believe Mr. Hofer's establishment of a closed membership and admission policy, applicable to all Hutterite colonies, is a violation of the agreement of USA citizenship. I can characterize Mr. Hofer's violation of the agreement of USA citizenship as a 'breach of faith and trust'. The 'Oath of renunciation and allegiance' clearly establishes a USA citizen's agreement to the following points:

- a) To support and defend the US Constitution.
- b) To bear true faith and allegiance to the US Constitution.

I believe the USA has established a open membership policy, with qualifications, for

people to become USA citizens and all USA citizens agree to function as members of the USA. I believe a USA citizen has become a part of a group instead of a separate and distinct part that has become separated from a group. I believe a USA citizen has agreed to establish their way as a contribution to the USA and will be recognized as a contributing member of the USA. I believe all USA citizens must establish their way to allow a USA citizen to establish their function of making a contribution to the USA. This policy will lead to a open membership and admission policy. I believe all organizations that are established in the USA should be open for membership or admission based on a recognition of the way established by the Constitution of the United States of America, as we the people establishing a more perfect union, and a recognition of a USA citizen as a financial contributor to the USA.

Mr. Hofer's establishment of a closed membership and admission policy, applicable to all Hutterite colonies, does not allow a USA citizen from outside a Hutterite colony to become a member of a Hutterite colony. The policy does not allow a USA citizen to establish a employment position at a Hutterite colony, so a USA citizen cannot establish their way at a Hutterite colony to make a contribution to the USA. The policy is in opposition to a open membership and admission policy and is a clear violation of the agreement of USA citizenship. I believe the consequence of Mr. Hofer's establishment of a closed membership and admission policy, applicable to all Hutterite colonies, should be the expulsion of all Hutterite colonies from the USA.

I realize a 'breach of faith and trust' of the agreement of USA citizenship may not be considered to be as serious as the offenses of treason, sedition, and subversive activities, against the USA government, but I believe all of these violations share a common basis which is the violation of the concepts of allegiance, fidelity, loyalty, and unity, which express the relationship of the members of the USA. The result of these violations can be characterized as a divided house and, in theory, a divided house cannot stand.

At this point, I have established the basic argument and basic evidence for making my case for the expulsion of all Hutterite colonies from the USA.

I am requesting a statement from your committee concerning the resolution of my complaint. I am requesting that you send your statement to me, in care of my father, at his residence. My father will forward your statement to me. Please send your statement to me at my father's mailing address as follows:

Robert Eichhorn  
c/o Erwin Eichhorn  
1509 Del Dayo Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608

The next part of the text will establish a Montana Supreme Court case involving members of King colony, as supporting evidence for my case; a basic introduction to the Hutterites; evidence of the Hutterite's history of pacifism and their refusal of USA military service during World War I and World War II, their nonassimilation into society, their violations of citizenship agreements, and public protest against the Hutterites; a Hutterite history timeline; definition of terms; additional information. I have included a materials list and contact information at the end of the text.

[Montana Supreme Court case concerning Medicaid eligibility for members of King colony]

I have enclosed a copy of 2 articles about a court case King colony was involved in concerning eligibility for Medicaid benefits. The articles are from the website [www.missoulian.com] and [www.elder-law.com]. These articles will confirm the existence of King colony in Lewistown, Montana, as a Hutterite colony. The court case is referred to as Hofer v. Montana Dep't of Public Health and Human Services, December 6, 2005. King colony claimed that their financial assets are shielded from their members being able to access the financial assets. DPHHS argued that King colony established a 'trust relationship' through its founding documents, so colony members have access to the colony's financial assets. King colony's net worth is estimated to be about \$2.1 million. A trial judge ruled in favor of the Hutterites, but the Montana Supreme Court ruled in favor of the state Medicaid agency to deny Medicaid benefits to the Hutterites.

#### [Introduction to the Hutterites]

The Hutterites are a religious group originating from the Reformation of the 16th century. They became known as Anabaptists, or 'rebaptizers', because of their rejection of infant baptism as unbiblical and their belief in rebaptizing adults. The Hutterites are distinguished from other Anabaptist sects such as the Mennonites and the Amish by their belief in the community of goods in which all material things are held in common.

The Hutterites survived periods of persecution in Europe but finally migrated to North America in 1874. Colonies were established in the Canadian Prairie provinces and the Dakotas. They prospered until tension developed during World War I as a result of their pacifist beliefs and refusal of military service. The Hutterites refused military service during World War II but engaged in other forms of alternative public service.

The Hutterite's primary occupation is farming and raising livestock. A estimate of a Hutterite colony's population is 50-100 people. When a colony's population reaches a certain number the colony forms a branch colony. Today there are about 45,000 Hutterites living in 460 colonies in North America.

#### [Examples of the Hutterite's violation of citizenship agreements]

I want to establish the fact that my complaint against the Hutterites is not a isolated complaint. The Hutterite's belief in pacifism and refusal of military service, their unwillingness to participate in the governments of the countries they have dwelled in, and their unwillingness to assimilate into society has provoked numerous complaints throughout their 400 year history. Based on Hutterite history, one can see that Mr. Hofer's establishment of a closed membership and admission policy for all Hutterite colonies is not a isolated case, but rather a part of the thread that runs through the Hutterite's history.

I can establish the following facts about the Hutterites:

- a) Refusal of military service for USA during World War I.
- b) Refusal of military service for USA during World War II.

Hutterites did engage in alternative public service for the war effort.

- c) Nonassimilation into society.
- d) Public protest as a result of the Hutterite's ways.

I have enclosed documentation as evidence to support these facts from the following book:

Title: The Hutterites: A Study in Prejudice

Author: David Flint - Head of the History Department, A.Y. Jackson Secondary School,

Borough of North York  
Publisher: Oxford University Press, 1975

I have enclosed documentation as evidence to support these facts from the website [www.destinationlewistownmontana.com].

The evidence is as follows:

1) Evidence for Hutterite's refusal of USA military service during World War I:

- (pgs.71-74)

In the Selective Service Act of May 18, 1917, conscription was made absolute and universal and the president was granted the privilege of defining noncombatant service. President Wilson announced on March 20, 1918, that pacifists - including the Hutterites - were expected to join the military in a noncombatant role.

The Hutterites refused to support the First World War by buying bonds or by joining the army even in a non-combat role. The US Government tried 503 conscientious objectors for refusing enlistment. Of the Hutterites tried, 4 - Joseph, Michael, and David Hofer, and Jacob Wipf - were sentenced to 37 years in prison for their refusal to enlist. They were confined in the military prison on the island of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay. After 4 months at Alcatraz, they were transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

All were pardoned by the president shortly after the war.

2) Evidence for Hutterite's refusal of USA military service during World War II:

- During World War II, the Hutterites compromised their pacifist stand: they refused to enlist in the military but they accepted alternative service. (pg.110)
- Hutterites refused to participate in World War II but engaged in other forms of alternative public service. (refer to first webpage, 'History' section, from a set of 3 webpages from the website [www.destinationlewistownmontana.com])

3) Evidence for the recognition of the Hutterite's pacifism as a failure to accept the responsibility of citizenship and the consequence of the problem of assimilation in Canada:

a) (pgs.92-94)

When the Hutterites arrived in Canada in September 1918, agitation against them, and against other pacifists, made itself felt in public statements, petitions, and telegrams to government officials and elected representatives. The federal government gave in to public pressure and issued Orders-in-Council revoking the military exemption that was guaranteed to Hutterites in 1899 (April 1919) and prohibited further immigration of South Dakota Hutterites (May and June 1919). To the public the government gave this explanation: "Owing to conditions prevailing as a result of war, a widespread feeling exists throughout Canada...that steps should be taken to prohibit the landing in Canada of immigrants deemed undesirable owing to their particular customs, habits, modes of living, and methods of holding property, and because of their probable inability to become readily assimilated."

In a letter of September 1919, to Hutterite Joseph Kleinsasser, Milltown, South Dakota, the Hon. J.A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, wrote the following:

"If, in the future, this decision should be reversed, it will depend largely, if not entirely, upon the conduct and mode of life of those of your people now settled in Canada. Unless

they are prepared to become Canadian citizens in the truest and best sense of the term, and...assume all the obligations of citizenship including military service, it is extremely doubtful if any government in Canada would be prepared to admit them."

Note:

A small number of Dakota Hutterites were admitted to Canada in 1931. Lawyers hired by the Hutterites were able to show the Canadian government that the Hutterites had already sold their Dakota land and had made binding financial commitments in Canada. (pgs.106-107)

4) Evidence for the nonassimilation of Hutterites into society and their failure to accept the responsibilities of citizenship:

a) The Preface of the book makes the following points, including nonassimilation:

- In 1899, a Canadian government official labeled the Hutterites as 'the most desirable class of settlers'.
- In 1920, a Manitoba government official said that 'it is the general opinion of this Province that the Hutterites should never have been admitted to Canada'.
- Others have claimed that they are 'an ignorant people', a 'nepotic corporation' who are 'not good citizens'.
- Hutterites do not want most of the privileges of the modern state - old-age pensions, unemployment insurance, government welfare, or the right to vote and to hold public office.
- Above all they do not want to be assimilated and to become an indistinguishable part of a homogeneous nation.

b) Evidence for nonassimilation and the failure to accept the responsibilities of citizenship:

- (pgs.58-59)

In 1959, Alberta's provincial government set up a committee to investigate the Hutterites. The committee issued 'The Report of the Hutterite Investigation Committee'. Their findings include the following observations:

- a) Hutterites have no loyalty to the country in which they live.
- b) Hutterites do not accept responsibilities of citizenship.
- c) The assimilation of a religious sect exhibiting such strong social cohesion as the Hutterian Brethren will take time and patience.

c) Evidence for nonassimilation:

- (pgs.66-67)

No country has tolerated the Hutterites for long nor been able to bring about a thorough cultural assimilation of them. Hutterian Peter Tschetter describes them as 'a people on the move...often leaving one land to seek refuge in another. Often they seem to be a people without a country, wanderers on the face of the earth, having no abiding city, and on the whole, pilgrims and sojourners on the earth rather than partakers of the life and culture of the people and nations among whom they have lived. Behind all the persecution that has attended them for four and a half centuries has been resentment of this characteristic. Most societies cannot tolerate any group in their midst that wants to remain separate and distinct.

- (pg.134)

In order to live a Christian life they must become separate from the world to avoid the temptations of the world. To keep the Brethren clean from sin, Hutterites today separate themselves from the world.

#### 5) Evidence for public protest against the Hutterites in Canada in 1973:

##### a) (pgs.64-66)

As an example of what comes in the wake of the Hutterites in the form of public protest, in February 1973, in Alberta, Canada, 300 protesters from the Brant and Vulcan area - 60 miles southeast of Calgary - trekked by car and bus to the government buildings in the capital city of Edmonton, almost 300 miles to the north. Across the province newspapers had proclaimed: 'Stop the land take-over!', 'Save the country from foreigners!', 'Protect our communities!', 'Hostile marchers: violence is feared!'. Letters of hate, abuse, and concern had poured into newspaper and government offices.

The march on Edmonton was undertaken by normally quiet, conservative farmers, and small-town businessmen who disliked the Hutterites. They were protesting against the actions of the newly elected Conservative provincial government under Premier Peter Lougheed, who had decided to abolish one of Canada's unique yet controversial provincial laws, the Communal Property Act of 1947, and the Communal Property Control Board of 1959. These measures had somewhat limited the expansion of Hutterite colonies within the province, threatened their communes with severe internal problems, and encouraged Hutterites to migrate outside the province. In the last 25 years many new colonies had been set up in the province of Saskatchewan and the states of Montana and Washington because of the Alberta restrictions. The Lougheed government believed that the Communal Property Act, passed during the 35-year Social Credit administration, violated the new Alberta Bill of Rights that forbids religious discrimination. In spite of the protesters' efforts, the repeal took effect on March 1, 1973.

#### [Hutterite history timeline]

##### • 1870

The Russian government abolishes the Hutterite's right to exemption from military service as guaranteed by Catherine the Great and asked that, instead of actual combat, they undertake alternative national service. Also, the Russian language was to become the compulsory language of instruction in schools. Immediately many Mennonites and all the Hutterites decided to leave the country rather than submit to a language policy that might speed assimilation and to a military policy that was in conflict with their conscience. (pg.70)

##### • 1874

Hutterites immigrate to the USA.

##### • April 6, 1917

USA declares war on Germany.

##### • May 18, 1917

Passage of the Selective Service Act. Conscription was made absolute and universal and the president was granted the privilege of defining noncombatant service. President Wilson announced on March 20, 1918, that pacifists - including the Hutterites - were expected to join the military in a noncombatant role.

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- 1919

The South Dakota state government took away the Hutterite's charter of incorporation, which limited their ability to do business profitably. Judge A.E. Taylor of the State Circuit Court at Huron, SD, ruled that the Hutterites must 'disincorporate and sell all property valued at more than \$50,000 within 90 days.' (pg.142)

- 1940

During the Second World War, the Hutterites compromised their First World War stand: they refused military duty but accepted alternative service. (pg.110)

- 1958

The Supreme Court of South Dakota upholds the state's 1955 legislation prohibiting further incorporation of Hutterite colonies. (pg.175)

- 1973

There is a protest in Alberta, Canada, against Alberta's provincial government abolishing the Communal Property Act of 1947 and the Communal Property Control Board of 1959. These measures had limited the expansion of Hutterite colonies in Alberta. As a result of the Alberta restrictions, Hutterite colonies had been set up in Montana and Washington.

In spite of the protest, the repeal took effect on March 1, 1973. (pgs.64-66)

- 2009

It is estimated that there are 45,000 Hutterites living in 460 colonies in North America. (<http://hutterites.org/typesofHutterites.htm>)

Note:

I have enclosed documentation to support the information in the timeline. The documentation is from the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)] and the following book:

Title: The Hutterites: A Study in Prejudice

Author: David Flint - Head of the History Department, A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, Borough of North York

Publisher: Oxford University Press, 1975

[Definition of terms]

a) allegiance

- 1. the loyalty of a citizen to his or her government or of a subject to his or her sovereign.

- 2. loyalty or devotion to some person, group, cause, or the like.

(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)

- 1b(1): the duty of fidelity owed by a subject or citizen to his sovereign or government.

- 2: devotion or loyalty (esp. to a person, group, or cause entitled to obedience or

service and respect).  
(Webster's Third New International Dictionary)

b) breach

- a violation or infraction of a law or obligation. (Black's Law Dictionary)
- I.3. fig.:  
the breaking of a command, rule, engagement, duty, or of any legal or moral bond or obligation; violation, infraction: common in such phrases as breach of contract, covenant, faith, promise, trust. (The Oxford English Dictionary)

c) breach of faith

- a violation of good faith, confidence, or trust; betrayal: To abandon your friends now would be a breach of faith.  
(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)
- a betrayal of confidence or trust. (Webster's Dictionary)

d) breach of trust

- 1. Law. a violation of duty by a trustee.
- 2. a violation of duty or responsibility.  
(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)
- violation of one's duty in a matter entrusted to one, as fraudulent appropriation or careless handling of funds. (Webster's Dictionary)

e) citizen

- 1. a native or naturalized member of a state or nation who owes allegiance to its government and is entitled to its protection (distinguished from alien).  
(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)

f) citizenship

- 1. the state of being vested with the rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen.
- 2. the character of an individual viewed as a member of society; behavior in terms of the duties, obligations, and functions of a citizen: an award for good citizenship.  
(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)

g) faith

- 1. confidence or trust in a person or thing: faith in another's ability.
- 6. the obligation of loyalty or fidelity to a person, promise, engagement, etc.:  
Failure to appear would be breaking faith.
- 7. the observance of this obligation; fidelity to one's promise, oath, allegiance, etc.:  
He was the only one who proved his faith during our recent troubles.  
(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)

h) fidelity

- 1a: the quality or state of being faithful or loyal (as to a person, cause, party, or nation).  
Syn. allegiance, fealty, loyalty, devotion, piety: fidelity implies strict and continuing



faithfulness as to an obligation, trust, or duty. allegiance suggests adherence as that of medieval vassal to his lord or of a modern free citizen to his country.  
(Webster's Third New International Dictionary)

i) loyalty

- 1. faithful to one's sovereign, government, or state: a loyal subject.
  - 2. faithful to one's oath, commitments, or obligations: to be loyal to a vow.
  - 3. faithful to any leader, party, or cause, or to any person or thing conceived as deserving fidelity: a loyal friend.
  - 4. characterized by or showing faithfulness to commitments, vows, allegiance, obligations, etc.: loyal conduct.
- Syn.2. fealty, devotion, constancy. loyalty, allegiance, fidelity all imply a sense of duty or of devoted attachment to something or someone. loyalty connotes sentiment and the feeling of devotion that one holds for one's country, creed, family, friends, etc. allegiance applies particularly to a citizen's duty to his or her country, or, by extension, one's obligation to support a party, cause, leader, etc. fidelity implies unwavering devotion and allegiance to a person, principle, etc.

(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)

j) trust

- 1. reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety, etc., of a person or thing; confidence.
- 6. the obligation or responsibility imposed on a person in whom confidence or authority is placed: a position of trust.
- 17. to have trust or confidence in; rely or depend on.

(Random House Dictionary of the English Language)

- 1a: assured reliance on some person or thing: a confident dependence on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something.
- b: a person or thing in which confidence is placed: a basis of reliance, faith, or hope.

(Webster's Third New International Dictionary)

[Additional information]

For more information about the Hutterites you can contact Vance Youmans. He is a history instructor at Spokane Falls Community College and he is the author of a book on the Hutterites entitled 'The Plough and the Pen'. He wrote an article about the Hutterites for Columbia Magazine entitled 'The Promised Land, Spokane's Hutterite Community - A Place Where History Lives'. You can find the article at the Washington State Historical Society website [[www.wshs.org/wshs/columbia/articles/0300-a2.htm](http://www.wshs.org/wshs/columbia/articles/0300-a2.htm)]. You can also check the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)] and [[www.wikipedia.org/hutterite](http://www.wikipedia.org/hutterite)].

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Robert Eichhorn

> Materials list

I have included instructions for finding various webpages mentioned in my complaint in the materials list.

- a) A copy of a webpage with the 'Oath of renunciation and allegiance' from the website [www.law.cornell.edu].
- b) A copy of a webpage with information for the number of Hutterite colonies in North America from the website [www.hutterites.org]. The information is on page 3 of the 'Types of Hutterites' section.
- c) A copy of a webpage with a map showing the distribution of Hutterite colonies in North America from the website [www.hutterites.org].
- d) A list in progress of the Hutterite colonies in the USA, a list of additional Hutterite colonies, and contact information for the Hutterite colonies.
- e) A copy of webpages with Hutterite colony contact information from the website [www.implu.com] and [www.manta.com].
- f) A copy of webpages with the names of Hutterite colonies from the [www.feehhs.org] website.
- g) A copy of a webpage with information about the 3 branches of the Hutterites from the website [www.hutterites.org]. The webpage, as a set of 3 webpages, is referred to as the 'Types of Hutterites' section.
- h) A copy of Walter Hofer's letter.
- i) A copy of a webpage with ownership percentage share information for members of King colony from the website [www.mulchblog.com].  
To find the webpage make the following steps:
  - a) Follow the directions for step (o) in this list to step 4.
  - b) At step 4, instead of clicking on 'Farm Location(s)', click on 'Ownership Interest(s)'.
- j) A copy of a webpage with timeline information for the Hutterites from the website [www.organicperspective.com].  
To find the webpage make the following steps:
  - a) Find the website [www.organicperspective.com].
  - b) Click on the link 'Hutterite Women'.
  - c) On this webpage, click on the tab 'Index'.
  - d) On this webpage, click on the link 'Timeline'.
- k) A copy of webpages with contact information for the Hutterian Brethren Church in various forms. The information is from the following websites:
  - a) [www.ic.gc.ca], [www.implu.com], [www.melissadata.com], [www.strategis.ic.gc.ca]
- l) A copy of a webpage for Ayers colony, King colony, and Spring Creek colony, offering public visitation, from the [www.destinationlewistownmontana.com] website.  
To find the webpage make the following steps:
  - 1) On the homepage, click on 'Enjoy Central Montana'.
  - 2) On this webpage, find the topic 'Culture', and click on 'learn about the Hutterite colonies of Central Montana'.
- m) A copy of a webpage with a business profile for King colony, from the website [www.manta.com].
- n) A copy of a webpage with the IRS tax filing information for King colony, from the website [www.melissadata.com]. The information is listed under the name Peter Hofer

Etal Ptr, King Colony Ranch.

To find the information make the following steps:

- 1) On the homepage, click on the topic 'Lookups'.
  - 2) On the 'Lookups' webpage, find the topic 'Federal Resources', and click on 'Nonprofit Organizations'.
  - 3) In the information box that appears, enter the name peter hofer, then click on 'Submit'.
  - 4) A data box will appear with the name Peter Hofer Etal Ptr as a link. Click on the name as a link.
- o) A copy of a webpage with the USDA farm subsidy financial information for King colony for the years 1995-2006, from the website [www.mulchblog.com].

To find the information make the following steps:

- 1) Find The Environmental Working Group's Farm Subsidy Database at the website [www.ewg.org (link to: www.mulchblog.com)].
- OR:
- Find the webpage [http://farm.ewg.org] to find the EWG Farm Subsidy Database. This webpage should show a map of the USA. To access the information for a particular state, click on the state.
- 2) On the state webpage, find the 'Search Options' box, enter the name of the Hutterite colony in the 'by business name' information box, then click on 'Search Businesses'.
  - For King colony, enter the name king ranch colony.
  - 3) The Hutterite colony business name will appear as a link. Click on the business name as a link.
  - 4) This webpage presents a series of options for finding different kinds of information. Click on 'Farm Location(s)' as a option.
- p) A copy of webpages with a list of 85 nonprofit organizations that include the name Hutterian Brethren, from the website [www.melissadata.com].

To find the list make the following steps:

- 1) On the homepage, click on the topic 'Lookups'.
  - 2) On the 'Lookups' webpage, find the topic 'Federal Resources', and click on 'Nonprofit Organizations'.
  - 3) In the information box that appears, enter the name hutterian brethren, then click on 'Submit'.
- q) A copy of 2 articles about a court case King colony was involved in concerning Medicaid eligibility.

The articles can be found at the following websites:

- 1) [www.missoulia.com/articles/2005/03/01/mtracker/news/07huts.txt]  
(the article is entitled 'Hutterite colony in court over Medicaid coverage')
  - 2) [www.elder-law.com/2005/issue1324.html]  
(the article is entitled 'Members of Religious Colony May Not Qualify for Medicaid')  
(the search for this article is case-sensitive so use the following webpage address:  
www.elder-law.com/2005/Issue1324.html)
- r) Documentation from the following book:
- Title: The Hutterites: A Study in Prejudice
- Author: David Flint - Head of the History Department, A.Y. Jackson Secondary

- School, Borough of North York  
Publisher: Oxford University Press, 1975
- s) Documentation from the website [[www.destinationlewistownmontana.com](http://www.destinationlewistownmontana.com)].  
Same webpage as (l) in this materials list.
  - t) Documentation from the website [[www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org)].

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3161 16th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

The mailing address for sending a statement to me is as follows:

Robert Eichhorn  
c/o Erwin Eichhorn  
1509 Del Dayo Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608

March 10, 2008

Robert Eichhorn  
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3161 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Eichhorn:

I appreciate your enthusiasm about joining a Hutterite colony. If you are this persistent and determined about joining a Hutterite colony, it seems that you are very capable of achieving many other things, like finding and holding a job. I am glad to see that you do not lack determination, which will serve you well in life.

However, I would like to reiterate what my son stated in his response to your introduction letter. I realize that he may have been a bit blunt, and apologize if he offended you in any way. He was trying to convey, in no uncertain term, that it is impossible for you to join a Hutterite colony. I have brought your letter to the attention of our colony members and other members among different colonies. We are all in agreement that it is impossible for you, or anyone else, to join a Hutterite colony. The fact that you are German has no bearing, what so ever, on joining a Hutterite colony. I have also read the letters you send to the Spring Creek Colony. In it you, in my opinion, forcefully state that since our information is in the public domain, we have an obligation to the public to honor anyone's request of a visit. I disagree. We reserve the right to decline a visit to anyone we feel is unwelcome. We have extended an invitation to you to come and visit for a day, during our first phone conversation. We made it clear that you may visit but not stay. We do not have a responsibility to allow everyone and anyone to visit.

Please realize that there is no future with the Hutterites. Your energy used to pursue this matter can be better spent elsewhere. Please do not send any more letters, money, or call any Hutterite colonies. We have given you our answer. Please accept it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Hofer". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with the first letters of "Walter" and "Hofer" being capitalized and prominent.

Walter Hofer

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TITLE 8 &gt; CHAPTER 12 &gt; SUBCHAPTER III &gt; Part II &gt; § 1448

### § 1448. Oath of renunciation and allegiance

#### **(a) Public ceremony**

A person who has applied for naturalization shall, in order to be and before being admitted to citizenship, take in a public ceremony before the Attorney General or a court with jurisdiction under section 1421 (b) of this title an oath

- (1)** to support the Constitution of the United States;
- (2)** to renounce and abjure absolutely and entirely all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which the applicant was before a subject or citizen;
- (3)** to support and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
- (4)** to bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and
- (5)**
  - (A)** to bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law, or
  - (B)** to perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law, or
  - (C)** to perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law. Any such person shall be required to take an oath containing the substance of clauses (1) to (5) of the preceding sentence, except that a person who shows by clear and convincing evidence to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that he is opposed to the bearing of arms in the Armed Forces of the United States by reason of religious training and belief shall be required to take an oath containing the substance of clauses (1) to (4) and clauses (5)(B) and (5)(C) of this subsection, and a person who shows by clear and convincing evidence to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that he is opposed to any type of service in the Armed Forces of the United States by reason of religious training and belief shall be required to take an oath containing the substance of said clauses (1) to (4) and clause (5)(C). The term "religious training and belief" as used in this section shall mean an individual's belief in a relation to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation, but does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views or a merely personal moral code. In the case of the naturalization of a child under the provisions of section 1433 of this title the Attorney General may waive the taking of the oath if in the opinion of the Attorney General the child is unable to understand its meaning. The Attorney General may waive the taking of the oath by a person if in the opinion of the Attorney General the person is unable to understand, or to communicate an understanding of, its meaning because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. If the Attorney General waives the taking of the oath by a person under the preceding sentence, the person shall be considered to have met the requirements of section 1427 (a)(3) of this title with respect to attachment to the principles of the Constitution and well disposition to the good order and happiness of the United States.

#### **(b) Hereditary titles or orders of nobility**

In case the person applying for naturalization has borne any hereditary title, or has been of any of the orders of nobility in any foreign state, the applicant shall in addition to complying with the requirements of

subsection (a) of this section, make under oath in the same public ceremony in which the oath of allegiance is administered, an express renunciation of such title or order of nobility, and such renunciation shall be recorded as a part of such proceedings.

**(c) Expedited judicial oath administration ceremony**

Notwithstanding section 1421 (b) of this title, an individual may be granted an expedited judicial oath administration ceremony or administrative naturalization by the Attorney General upon demonstrating sufficient cause. In determining whether to grant an expedited judicial oath administration ceremony, a court shall consider special circumstances (such as serious illness of the applicant or a member of the applicant's immediate family, permanent disability sufficiently incapacitating as to prevent the applicant's personal appearance at the scheduled ceremony, developmental disability or advanced age, or exigent circumstances relating to travel or employment). If an expedited judicial oath administration ceremony is impracticable, the court shall refer such individual to the Attorney General who may provide for immediate administrative naturalization.

**(d) Rules and regulations**

The Attorney General shall prescribe rules and procedures to ensure that the ceremonies conducted by the Attorney General for the administration of oaths of allegiance under this section are public, conducted frequently and at regular intervals, and are in keeping with the dignity of the occasion.

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### LEARN ABOUT THE HUTTERITE COLONIES OF CENTRAL MONTANA

#### History

The Hutterites are a religious group originating from the Reformation of the 16th century. In the early 1520's, the ferment identified with Martin Luther and the Reformation spread to a group in Switzerland that came to be known as the Anabaptists as they believed in the rebaptizing of adults. The Anabaptists additionally shared a belief in the separation of Church and State and they were committed pacifists. The branch of the Anabaptists that we know as Hutterites was founded in Moravia in 1528 by Jacob Hutter and is distinguished from other Anabaptist sects such as the Mennonites and the Amish by its belief in the community of goods in which all material things are held in common. The Hutterites survived periods of persecution and suffering alternating with periods of prosperity leading to their eventual migration to North America in 1874. Initial colonies were established in the Canadian Prairie provinces and the Dakotas and they prospered until great tension developed during World War I as a result of their pacifist beliefs. Those tensions gradually disappeared during the great depression and during World War II, the Hutterites again refused to participate, but engaged in other forms of alternative public service. Today there are about 45,000 Hutterites living on 460 colonies of which about 50 are in Montana. Additional information on the history and beliefs of the Hutterites are at [www.hutterites.org](http://www.hutterites.org).

#### Hutterite Life Today

Hutterites are a communal people living on scattered brotherhofs or colonies throughout the prairies of North America. Their religion is unique in that all material goods are held in common. All members of the colony are provided for equally and nothing is kept for personal gain. In every Hutterite colony, the minister or spiritual leader is also the chief executive and he, along with an advisory board, makes the day to day decisions. The advisory board consists of the minister, the colony manager, the farm/ranch manager and two or three witness brothers (deacons) who are elected for life.



Early education has always played an important role in Hutterite life and usually takes place in public schools located at the colony. More recently, many young colony children go on to public high schools and some are beginning to pursue college degrees. The Hutterites are by nature very hospitable and neighborly and frequent opportunities are found for visiting and joint projects with neighbors or other colonies. Wonderful insights into daily life on a Hutterite Colony are in the book by Lisa Stahl, *My Hutterite Life*. Another great source is Bill Allard's articles in the National Geographic. See <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2006/06/hutterite-sojourn/allard-text>. A distinguishing characteristic of the Hutterites is their entrepreneurial spirit and initiative. A visit to a colony always has surprises in terms of produce or crafts or unique services that fill a niche in the local economy.



## VISIT AND LEARN ABOUT COLONIES IN THE LEWISTOWN AREA

### Ayers Colony

Hello! My name is Marilyn Stahl and I'm a resident of the Ayers Colony. We are located about 6 miles west of Grass Range, 23 miles east of Lewistown on Highway 87. The Hutterites at Ayers Colony came from Austria to Huron, South Dakota where they had resided since 1874. They purchased their land in Montana from former Montana governor Roy E. Ayers in 1944. The Colony currently has 9 families with a total population of 42 persons. Our Colony was the first to record Simmental cattle in the United States. We had cow number 22 in the American Simmental Association and sold bulls and club calves all over the US and Canada.



We have lots of special activities at the Colony that we are proud of. My mother, Anna Stahl, always has some prized poultry she enjoys raising and my brother Bill is Chief of the Cheadle Rural Fire Dept and is always happy to show off his latest fire fighting equipment. My Dad, John Stahl, loves to give tours of the Colony's modern meat processing facility that handled over 700 animals last year. In addition to my work at the Colony, I have been a first responder for the Grass Range Ambulance District for over 10 years and have recently been elected Chief Election Judge for the Grass Range Election District. Another specialty of our Colony is catering meals for special occasions with such delicacies as roast pig or roast quarter of beef.

We always welcome visitors to the colony with advance notice. Give me a call at 406-428-2207 and we can discuss your interests and the kind of visit that you'd find most rewarding.



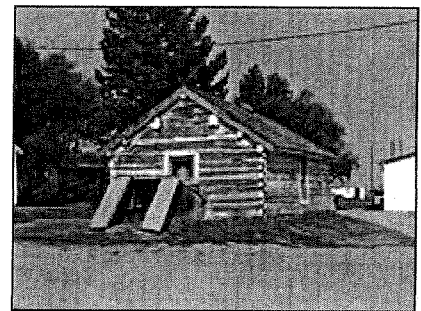
### King Colony

Hello! My name is Rita Hofer and I am pleased to introduce to the King Colony. We are located about 10 miles west of Lewistown on Highway 87 and then 2 miles north along Kolin/Ross Fork Road. Our Colony now owns the King Ranch which was one of the most famous and prosperous ranches in this part of Central Montana. It was first settled by Christ King in 1881 and the original cabin he built still stands on the property. The Ranch was operated by two sons, Anton and Joseph, until a combination of difficult economic conditions during the Great Depression and Joseph's death in 1934 led to the sale of the Ranch to a Hutterite Colony led by Reverend Joseph Stahl in 1935. Our Colony now has 13 families and a total population of 55 people.



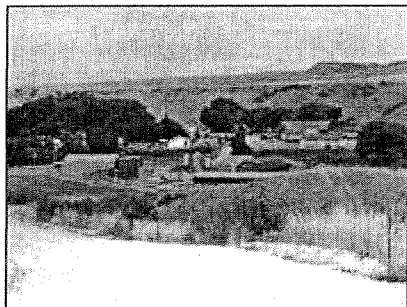
Many of our farm and ranch operations are for our own consumption, but we do have a commercial dairy and cow/calf operation. I keep very busy with work at the Colony but also find time to Chair the local School Board and work as a precinct election worker. I am especially proud of the pheasant wreathes and I also do sewing craft work. My husband "Shorty" (Walter) Hofer works with the farming. I have always been an advocate of higher education for the children and am especially happy that my son Wesley is pursuing his college degree on line.

We often have visitors and I enjoy sharing the history of the ranch with them as well as giving them a glimpse into contemporary Hutterite life. If you would like to visit, call me at 406-538-8840 and we can discuss a convenient time and the things that would be of most interest to you.



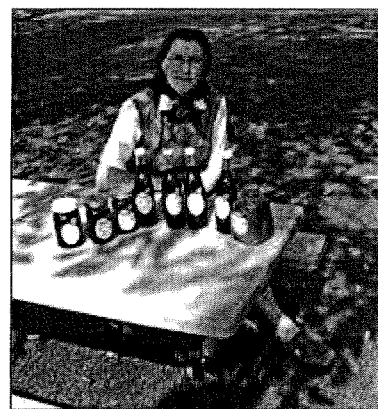
### Spring Creek Colony

Hi! My name is Kathy Walter. I am a member of the Spring Creek Colony located 14 miles northwest of Lewistown on Highway 426. Our Colony has a long history that goes back to 1912 when the King Ranch sold the lower (north) portion of their Ranch to a Hutterite Colony led by Jacob Stahl of Wolf Creek, South Dakota. During World War I, however, persecution of the Hutterites due largely to their pacifist beliefs and German heritage led them to sell the Colony and emigrate to Canada. Subsequently, in 1946, Jacob Walter and Paul Walter led a colony that that once again purchased the ranch. Today, we have about 20,000 acres with 13 families and a total population of 46 people. Like the King Colony, we have a commercial dairy and a cow/calf operation in addition to much agriculture that we pursue for our own consumption.



We stay very busy at the Colony but find time to do volunteer work with the rural fire department in Moore. If you come visit, I'll be sure to show you our beautiful new kitchen and dining complex of which we are very proud. We also have special interests that we pursue when time permits. I am particularly known for my wild Chokecherry and wild Juneberry jellies and syrups. My husband Jim is quite a builder and recently has been making sheds and small storage buildings for people in the area.

If you are interested in learning more about our Colony, I'd be happy to talk with you about a convenient time for a visit and the things in which you'd be most interested. Just give me a call at 406-538-5160.



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#### King Ranch Colony ownership information from 2006 Fergus County, Montana

<a href="#">Toby P Hofer</a> Lewistown, MT 59457	1.85 %
<a href="#">Clinton D Hofer</a> Lewistown, MT 59457	1.85 %
<a href="#">Claudia D Hofer</a> Lewistown, MT 59457	1.85 %
<a href="#">Melvin Wollman</a> Lewistown, MT 59457	1.85 %
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### Timeline Hutterites

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**955:** Emperor Otto I defeated the Magyars, and Moravia became part of the Holy Roman Empire. It was part of the Kingdom of Bohemia. At times, Moravia had a ruler with sufficient fortitude that Moravia was enabled to maintain a semblance of separate rule. However, it ultimately was Bohemian. Also, to note, these lands were part of Austria.

**1516:** Dutch religious scholar, Erasmus of Rotterdam wrote a copy of the Greek New Testament and transcribed it into Latin as well. Erasmus implored scholars to translate the Bible into every language. This encouraged many groups to study the Bible, and form their own opinions. Out of this came the Anabaptist group in 1525 who carried out adult baptism.

**1525:** January 21: Zurich, Switzerland: Felix Manz, priest from the Tyrol, George Cajacob, Conrad Grebel, theology student, were amongst a group meeting at the home of Manz to study the Bible. They concluded that the Bible instructed them to renounce infant baptism, and that persons should be baptized as adults. Conrad Grebel first baptized George Cajacob, and then Cajacob baptized the rest. Sixteen **adults** baptized that day. And so, began the separation of Church and State, adult baptism, adoption of a disciplined way of life, separation from nonbelievers, community of goods and pacifism. These Anabaptists' "ideas" are the basis of the Hutterites' beliefs.

**1525:** May: first Anabaptist was executed - by burning - by Catholic authorities in Schwyz

**1526:** Jacob Hutter, became acquainted with Anabaptists in Tyrol.

**1527:** Hebraist Felix Manz first Anabaptist executed by Protestants, drowned in Zurich's Limmat River

**1528:** In this year the Anabaptists split into several religious groups, under separate leaders. Because of persecution in Switzerland they had to flee. One group, led by Jacob Hutter, hid in the forest. They were very low on supplies, and Jacob implored them to put all of their goods into a coat he laid down, so the group could jointly make the best use of all its remaining resources. From then on, they decided to live according to Book of Acts (2:42), and share all things in common. They called themselves Hutterites after Jacob Hutter. Basic to the Hutterite beliefs is the "community of goods", sharing all physical goods for the benefit of the group. Before his death, Hutter founded approximately eighty six colonies.

**1529:** Jacob he joined a Tyrol Anabaptist group, chose to be baptized, and was picked as a minister.

**1530s:** Hutterite colonies in Moravia sending missionaries to areas of Europe.

**1535:** Jacob Hutter married Katherine Purst.

**1536:** .Iakob Hutter burned at the stake because of religious beliefs

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**1538:** Katherine, Jacob's Wife executed for her religious convictions.

**1540:** Peter Ridemann wrote his Account of Our Religion, Doctrine, and Faith (Rechenschaft), while he was in a Hessian prison. During this time, it was very dangerous to be a Hutterite. They sought safety wherever possible. Many lived in caves and the catacombs of Rome.

**1542:** Peter Reideman was an elder from 1542-1556

**1565-95:** In the mid 1550s Hutterite colonies flourished in Moravia and Hungary. They were well off, well educated and well thought of. Academics in their schools were admired by the general population, and at that time Hutterite Doctors were often sought out by the wealthy. At that time, there were about 30,000 members.

**1595:** The religious climate changed and severe persecution began, again. People died and property was confiscated. A few managed to escape and emigrate to the Ukraine.

**1570s:** Because of Hapsburg/Turkish war, the government was short on money. Government confiscated some of Hutterite lands. Again, in 1584 and 1589.

**1612:** Around 1612, in Moravia, the Hutterites became well known/respected for their ceramics and pottery. They crafted many types of utensils/plates/etcetra for the home. Because of their quality and esthetics, these dishes and ceramic items were widely sought by the wealthy and nobles of the area. It was common for a noble to purchase whole cartloads of dishes, ecetra from the Hutterites. Many of these items which were saved in museums and collections have been wrongly labelled as Habaner faience. In fact, such items are Hutterite work.

As well, such was the quality of their other work, large quantities of this was also purchased by the wealthy, either for their own use, or as gifts. There are records of Moravian barons gifting foreign noblemen with items such as: gilded horse carriage, iron bedsteads, knives and earthenware, as well as fine ceramics.

Middle classes purchased Hutterite items too. Not all were the price range of the wealthy.

Hutterites had unique techniques for clay mixtures, colors and design in manufacturing ceramics and pottery. It was a secret knowledge which they kept to themselves. It was different from similar products from other groups/countries, and much in demand. They used unique types of yellow and white clay, not all of it local. Also, their dyes, ornamentation, glazes and manufacturing process was unique.

**1618-1648:** Thirty year war. Many Hutterites were killed. Colonies were pretty much disbanded. Many Hutterites escaped to Slovakia and Transylvania. Few were left behind.

**1621:** During one of the wars between the Turks and the Holy Roman Empire, one of the leaders, Bethlen Gabor, Prince of Transylvania invited the Hutterites to move to Transylvania, and he would give them freedom from persecution and safety. They refused his offer. Prince Gabor did not leave the matter. In 1621 he sent wagons, and forcibly moved 200 Hutterites to his lands in Transylvania. During the remainder of the thirty years war, these Transylvanian Hutterites thrived and survived, free from harrassment. (( Not so their brethren who remained behind.))

**1622:** Hutterites, that were left, were expelled from Moravia. Many went to Hungary

and Russia.

**1750:** Oldest German settlement in Canada, started with 2400 Protestant German farmers and tradesmen from the Southwest of Germany landed with their families in Halifax

**1767:** In the years leading up to 1767, Slovakia and Transylvania had a new Empress, Maria Theresa. Maria Theresa was a devout Catholic and determined that all under her rule should also be Catholic. She supported and encouraged the Jesuits to wipe out all other faiths. This ended, again, in severe persecution for the Hutterites. All worship other than Catholic was outlawed. Some Hutterite children were permanently removed from their parents (what did the state do with them?), and even old people were removed and placed in institutions. Only about sixty Hutterites remained. In 1767 these escaped across the Transylvanian Alps to Wallachia, near Bucharest.

**1768:** War broke out between Turkey and Russia. Situated as they now were, the small group of Hutterites was caught in the middle, between the two armies.

**1770:** Russian commander-in-chief, Count Rumiantsev, offered the Hutterites safe haven and free land on properties he had acquired in the Ukraine, near the Desna River. Hutterites lived here in the "Russian" Ukraine for more than one hundred years. This was a time when they were allowed freedom from persecution. During this time some Hutterites left their colony and joined Mennonite settlements.

**1809:** It was about this time, there was a breakdown in "community goods". Perhaps due to extensive political upheaval and on/off persecution, it was possibly necessary for individual ownership, if any property/goods were to survive ownership.

**1859:** Leaders Jakob Hofer, Darius Walter, and Michael Waldner succeeded in re-establishing the "community of goods".

**1870s:** Russia enacted laws to force Hutterites to speak Russian, and serve in the military. Again, Hutterites decided to move and began emigrating to America.

Roughly, they emigrated in three waves, under three Men. Dariusleit (the Darius people---Darius Walter), the Lehrerleit (the teacher people---Jakob Wipf, a school teacher and elder) and the Schmiedeleit (the smith people---Michael Waldner, a blacksmith), with the names of the groups taken from the occupations of each leader. South Dakota was where colonies were first established.

**1874:** This is the year the majority of Hutterites left Russia for North America. They settled in North America in three major colonies. The names for the colonies were taken from the three leaders of the colonies. The beliefs and practices of all three was the same. Small changes might have included such matters as slightly different styles of dress, etcetra. 1) Schmiedeleut (blacksmith) was the first colony, so called because their leader was a blacksmith. Generally Manitoba, Canada and South Dakota, USA is where these people settled. 2) Dariusleut was the second group, so named for their leader, Darius Walther. 3) Lehrerleut was the third group. Again, it was named for its leader. Hutterites from Alberta, Saskatchewan, (Canada) and Montana (USA) generally are the last two groups.

**1897:** The colonies in the United States were flourishing. Hutterites owned five flour mills, as well as spinning, carpentry, shoemaking, blacksmithing, book binding, and broom-making workshops. As well they were farmers.

**1899:** Agreement between Hutterites and Canadian government, supports the Hutterites religious lifestyle, but there has still been controversy on and off over the years.



**1918:** President Woodrow Wilson would not guarantee the Hutterites freedom from military service, and many of the colonies emigrated to Canada, to safeguard their pacifism.

Even so, fifty six Hutterites were caught up in the draft and attempts were made to force them into service. Most suffered severe abuse/torture, in efforts to convince them. Two died in the process.

**1918:** Michael and Joseph Hofer were the two who died, under terrible conditions, upon adhering to their religious convictions.

In subsequent military service, Hutterites were allowed to discharge their obligation by non military work such as national parks. In all, about fifty Hutterite families came to Canada, first in Alberta and Manitoba, then in Saskatchewan.

**1942:** Canada passed the Veteran's Land Act. This act established the law that land had to be offered for sale for sixty days before Hutterites were allowed to purchase it.

**1942:** Alberta passed the Alberta Land Sales Prohibition Act. This made it illegal for anyone to sell land to a Hutterite or an enemy alien.

**1944:** The Land Sales Prohibition Act will be struck down as beyond the power of the province because it also mentions enemy aliens. The Alberta government will re-enact the law (S.A. 1944, c.15) removing references to enemy aliens.

**1947:** Canada passed the Land Act pertaining to Hutterites. It restricted Hutterite land purchases, as well as size and location of colonies. They had to be at least 40 miles apart, and no larger than 6,400 acres. Colonies used to be situated closer to each other, but with these regulations, there is now more distance between them. One of the side effects of this greater distance is forcing the Hutterites to do more travelling to visit other colonies. As well, they also end up having more interaction with non Hutterites, simply because that's who there neighbours are.

**1947:** Alberta Communal Property Act S.A. 1947, c.16 will allow Hutterite colonies to be established if they are set up at least 40 miles from existing colonies. It also limited the size of existing colonies.

**1950:** Hutterites joined the three separate groups together, under one name to give themselves a better position to safeguard their beliefs and prospects. Hutterische Bruderkerche (Hutterite United Brethren Church).

**1960:** Alberta Communal Property Act will be amended to permit increased land holdings by Hutterites with the approval of the Communal Property Control Board. The establishment of new colonies will require cabinet approval.

**1972:** Alberta repeals The Communal Property Act, which had been basically aimed at restricting Hutterites ownerships of farm lands.

**1992:** Schmiedeleut section of the Hutterites broke into two. They are now called Committee Hutterites or Group 2, and Schmiedeleut or Group 1. There were conflicts over policies, and also concerns that some of the group's rules were not adhered to. They split on opposite sides of this disagreement.

**1995:** A Hutterite teacher training program is set up at Brandon University---Brandon

University Hutterian Education Project (BUHEP). More than fifty Hutterites have graduated as teachers.

**1996:** Hutterites in North America totaled 37,297 (by census).

**2001:** Two Alberta teenagers have become the first members of their Hutterite colony to graduate with a high school diploma. Edna Walters and Joanne Stahl

**2003:** Some Hutterite colonies in Southern Manitoba build their own wireless Hutterian Broadband Network (HBN). They plan to use the sytem to access Distance Education oppotunities. They have done this in co -operation with Advance Pro, Sony of Canada Ltd. and Informatics Consultants

**2005:** There are approximately 458 colonies with 50,000 members in North America

**2005: February 18:** In a move which is unusual for Hutterites, they wrote to the Canadian Government to express their concerns should the Canadian Government change marriage laws to validate same sex marriages. They are unequivocally against such legislation.

**2005 June 30:** First Hutterite to run in a Marathon, the Manitoba Marathon. Lynda Waldner completed the 13.1 miles in two and three quarter hours. (Lynda Waldner wore complete traditional Hutterite dress.) As well, there were a further four Hutterites from Ms. Waldner's colony who competed in the marathon.

**2005: October:** Hutterite colonies go to cyber school. Seventy five Hutterite students are part of a cyber-school in Chester South Dakota.

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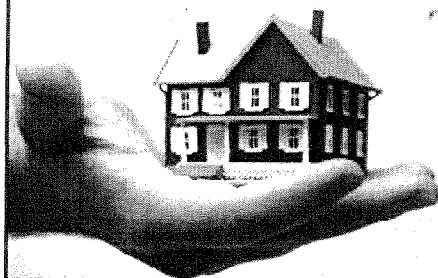
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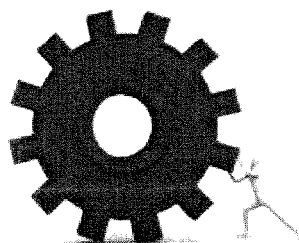
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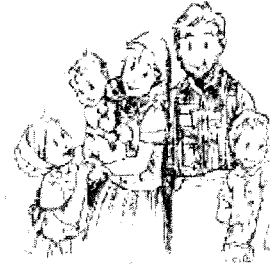
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## **The "Leut"**

Differences among the leut

Three different branches of Hutterites live in the prairies of North America, the Schmiedeleut, the Dariusleut and the Lehrerleut. Even though all three "leut" are Hutterites, there are some distinctive differences. However, it should be noted, that the original doctrine of all three groups is identical. The differences are mostly traditional and geographical.

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### **1. Schmiedeleut**

Hutterian Brethren (Group 1) (Elder Jacob Kleinsasser,  
Crystal Spring, MB)  
Group 2 Hutterites (Gibbs) (No Elder)

### **2. Dariusleut** (Elder Martin Walter, Spring Point Colony, AB)

### **3. Lehrerleut** (Elder John Wipf, Rose Town Colony, SK)

The Schmiedeleut subdivided into two groups, the Hutterian Brethren and the Committee Hutterites, in 1992.

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## **Geographical Locations of Hutterites**

The Lehrerleut and the Dariusleut are located in the north-western part of North America, in Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Colombia, Montana, and Washington and Oregon.

The Schmiedeleut are all found in central North America in the province of Manitoba and the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

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## Dress Style Differences

All three *Leut* wear modest clothing but different traditions have molded each group's distinctive clothing style. The Lehrerleut probably wear the most conservative clothing, followed by the Darius and then the Schmiedeleut.

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## Origins of the 3 "Leut"

The Hutterites immigrated to the United States from Russia between 1874 and 1879.

These three groups share a common ancestry but differ basically in that they had different leaders upon immigrating into the Dakotas.

**Schmiedeleut:** The Schmiedeleut, under the eldership of Rev. Michael Waldner, established the first Hutterite Colony (Bon Homme) on North American soil in 1874. Rev. Michael Waldner was a *Schmied* (or blacksmith) hence the name, *Schmiedeleut*.

Bon homme Colony is located near Yankton SD, on the banks of the Missouri River, and is still inhabited today.

**Dariusleut:** The Dariusleut established Wolfcreek Colony near Olivet SD in 1875. The leader of the group was named Darius Walter. Hence, they are called *Dariusleut*. Originally the Schmiedeleut and the Dariusleut had a single elder, Schmied Micheal.

The original Wolf Creek colony was sold in 1930 when the Dariusleut migrated to Alberta, Canada. Later, in 1963 the colony site was purchased by Tschetter Colony and rebuilt nearby. The colony name remained Wolf Creek.

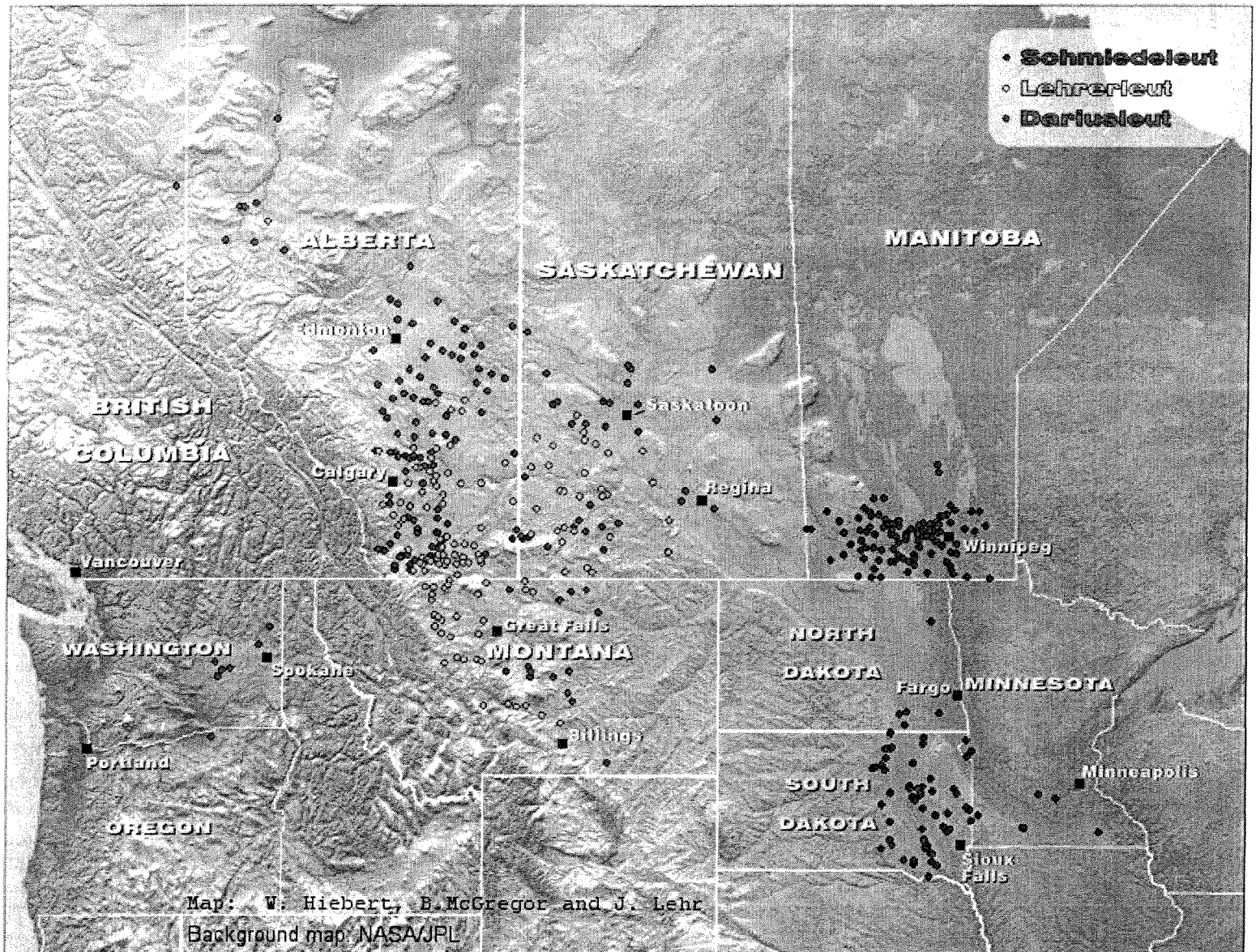
**Lehrerleut:** The Lehrerleut established Elm Spring Colony in 1877. The leader of the Lehrerleut, Jakob Wipf, was a teacher (*Lehrer*), hence their name, *Lehrerleut*.

After selling this colony site in 1929, the Lehrerleut migrated to Canada, settling in Alberta. The original colony site was purchased in 1936 by a Schmiedeleut colony (Maxwell Col, MB) and renamed New Elm Spring.

## Distribution of Hutterite Colony by Province/State/Leut

	MB	SK	AB	BC	MT	WA	ND	SD	MN	Totals
<b>Schmiedeleut</b>	106		1				6	54	9	176
<b>Dariusleut</b>		29	98	2	15	5				149
<b>Lehrerleut</b>		31	69		35					135
<b>Totals</b>	106	60	168	2	50	5	6	54	9	<b>460</b>

Close to 45 000 Hutterites live on 460 colonies in North America today.



## **Hutterite colony in court over Medicaid coverage**

**Posted at 11:37 a.m. February 28**

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*By SARAH R. CRAIG Associated Press Writer*

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - The 53 members of the King Colony Hutterite community in central Montana live a communal, mostly self-sufficient life. Members of the religious group don't believe in individual property ownership and shy away from most government aid, including health care.

But now the colony is at the center of a dispute coming before the state Supreme Court this week over whether members are eligible for Medicaid benefits.

Seven women members of the colony, formally known as King Colony Ranch Inc., argue that they are being denied benefits because of their religious beliefs.

The state of Montana contends members don't qualify financially for Medicaid because they all have access to the colony's vast net worth, estimated at about \$2.1 million.

Russ Cater, chief legal counsel for the state Department of Public Health and Human Services, said the case could have far-reaching effects. If the state loses, he said, it could face a huge increase in the Medicaid benefits it has to provide to similar groups of people.

"Any communal living situation, I guess any family trust, family farm trust, it would be I think easy for a multimillion-dollar farm organization to put their income into some kind of a trust and indicate that they're going to send their members to welfare to apply for health benefits," Cater said.

In 1992, seven women from the Hutterite colony applied for and were granted benefits through Medicaid, the government program that helps pay for medical care for the poor.

Later, however, the state Department of Public Health and Human Services told them it didn't believe they qualified for the benefits and planned to cut them off at the end of 2001.

The department argued that King Colony established a "trust relationship" through its founding documents. The department contends that means those seven women have access to the colony's assets.

But attorneys for Rita, Anna, Bertha, Sarah, Marie and Judith Hofer and Mary Wollman, dispute that, arguing that the women have no vote in the colony and, therefore, no way to access those resources.

A state district judge ruled in favor of the women last March, but the state appealed. The hearing before the Supreme Court is scheduled for Wednesday.

Attorneys for the women declined to comment before the hearing, but argued during an earlier hearing that the state's interpretation that the women have access to the colony's assets is wrong.

"They don't own anything," Bozeman attorney Kent Kasting said of the women. "They can't \_ they come into the world with nothing."

A woman who answered the phone at the colony declined to discuss the case, calling it a private matter. She declined to identify herself.

Court documents provide some picture of life on the ranch and outline the opposing sides in the dispute.

The Hutterites have roots in the 16th-century Anabaptist religious movement in Europe, the same movement that gave rise to the Mennonites and Amish. They live in communal agricultural colonies where the men and women have traditional roles and wear traditional clothing.

Technology is embraced on most colonies, as long as it helps advance the common good. Men use tractors and combines.

The women testified that they aren't always given money for groceries they'd like, to supplement the staple meat and vegetables they produce on the ranch. Most of their net worth is in farmland, crops and livestock.

According to court statements by John Stahl, an elder in the community, the men in the colony, who make all financial decisions, try to fully take care of the members but increasing health care costs prevent them from paying for medical care.

But Cater disagrees. He said the colony could sell some of its resources to cover medical expenses, just like other families who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid must often do.

"I think it was simply a business judgment that health care costs are rising considerably and if they can get someone else to pay for their health care costs in the end it would benefit their colony, their business, their members," Cater said.

And if they win in court, other Hutterite colonies may seek benefits too, he said.

"Right now not all colonies are sending their members to apply for Medicaid," Cater said. "It's only a few such as the King Colony, but we have received word from the other colonies that if the state loses this case they may have to reevaluate their past practices and perhaps send their members to ask for Medicaid assistance."

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### Members of Religious Colony May Not Qualify for Medicaid

Members of the Hutterian Brethren (usually referred to as Hutterites) participate in an unusual socio-religious exercise. Believers live in colonies, and every colony member transfers all his or her worldly goods to the religious order for control by the colony's directors, who hold all property for the communal good. So what happens when a Hutterite needs medical care?

Rita Hofer, Mary Wollman, Anna Hofer, Bertha Hofer, Sarah Hofer, Marie Hofer and Judith Hofer are all members of the King Colony Ranch, a Hutterite colony in Montana and one of 48 in the state (there are 77 others in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington, and another 344 in Canada). The seven women applied for Medicaid coverage for some of their medical care, and were found to be eligible for benefits in 1992. Then Montana authorities reconsidered, and the state's Medicaid agency ruled that the women should look to the colony's considerable wealth—estimated at more than \$2 million, though mostly in farmland—before expecting government assistance with medical care.

The Hutterite women appealed, arguing that they were being discriminated against because of their religious beliefs. They had no real ability to reach the colony's assets, they insisted, since all the business of the religious order is managed by a minister, and as women they do not even have the right to participate in his selection.

The Medicaid agency disagreed, and characterized the colony as akin to a trust. While each Hutterite transfers all his or her assets to the colony, reasoned the agency, the religious order in return agrees to support its individual members. That arrangement amounts to a trust, and each Hutterite would have the ability to force the colony to provide the promised support, by court action if necessary.

Although a trial judge found in favor of the Hutterites, the Montana Supreme Court agreed with the Medicaid agency's analysis. In its written opinion, the state's high court ruled that the Medicaid agency should determine the extent to which colony assets are "available" to its members, and what support each member has the legal right to expect from the religious order. *Hofer v. Montana Dep't of Public Health and Human Services*, December 6, 2005.

State Medicaid officials were unpersuaded by the Hutterites' claim that they can not pay the increasing costs of health care. Traditional families are forced to liquidate assets to pay for health care, Medicaid officials pointed out. If the King Colony Ranch could shield its assets members' health care costs, the agency feared that other groups could follow suit, create communal property ownership arrangements, and make every participant eligible for Medicaid.



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## PREFACE

The Hutterites are a pacifist communal-living Christian sect that immigrated to North America a hundred years ago. They have drawn much interest from Canadians and Americans. In 1899 a Canadian government official labelled Hutterites as 'the most desirable class of settlers'. Neighbours of their communes have spoken of them as 'a good, hard-working bunch', 'a friendly people' who 'bother nobody'. Sympathetic newspapermen have called them 'the last of the utopian experimenters', 'plainly dressed re-treatants from the world', and 'the most law-abiding people on earth'. But not all of this interest is friendly—the Hutterites have also had many enemies. In 1920 a Manitoba government official said that 'it is the general opinion of this Province that the Hutterites should never have been admitted to Canada.' Others have claimed that they are 'an ignorant people', a 'nepotic corporation' who are 'not good citizens'. They have been referred to, scornfully, as 'those people'.

Hutterites speak of themselves as 'the Community of all Believers' and as 'the only true Communists in the world' who could not possibly share with each other in their communal life if they were not dedicated to God and under religious obedience to follow Christ's commands as recorded in the Bible. They believe that they are a fellowship of those who are ready to 'give all' and 'forsake all' in their devotion to the service of Jesus Christ. Hutterites do not want most of the privileges of the modern state—old-age pensions, unemployment insurance, government welfare, or the right to vote and to hold public office. Above all they do not want to be assimilated and to become an indistinguishable part of a homogeneous nation. They are not missionary-minded and do not aggressively seek converts. But they believe that they are meant to serve as a

Christian 'beacon on a hill' and they offer a welcome to all who search for 'God's peace'. To do this they have steadfastly sought to preserve their cultural and religious uniqueness through hundreds of years of persecution in many places.

This study has been motivated by the desire to produce a text that would be interdisciplinary, useful in more than one course at different levels of reading skill, and that would give a viewpoint on Hutterites and on the problems of minority groups that would enable students not only to achieve understanding but to debate and analyse issues involved in their dealings with the world. A major failing of recent textbooks has been their authors' scissors-and-paste approach (a snippet of this article, a taste of that author's opinions, etc.), which fails to show how conclusions were reached and, inadvertently perhaps, encourages the mistaken assumption that any viewpoint is good as long as it is stated forcibly enough. In this mass-media age we realize more than ever that points of view differ, though we might not understand that value judgements and decisions still must be made and that thoroughness and diligence are needed to marshal evidence in order to reach conclusions about human problems. This book attempts to give a sociological, anthropological, and historical understanding of a tiny minority group; it also offers a method and model for studying other peoples and for learning and coming to some conclusions about them.

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## Part One

### THE COMMUNAL LIFE



*Until recently Hutterite colonies were built away from main highways and out of sight in valleys or land depressions. (See page 150 for the plan of a typical colony.)*

to import more families from its mother colony near Lac Du Bonnet two hundred miles away before the beginning of the school year.<sup>27</sup>

A major difficulty encountered by teachers in the one-room ungraded schoolhouse—especially when the outside educational systems are encouraging freedom of expression and the questioning of traditional values—is that the Hutterite elders expect firm discipline to be maintained. Rumours had reached a father that his son was causing trouble for the young woman teacher at the colony school. When he realized that she was doing nothing about it, he marched into class one day, asked if the boy was a troublemaker, and on hearing that he was, immediately put him over his knee and walloped him. Teachers have actually been fired for leniency—a crime Hutterites consider worse than academic incompetence.

Hutterites pioneered pre-schools over 400 years ago, taught hygiene when the practice was relatively unknown, and maintained a standard of literacy unmatched by their social and economic equals until recent times.<sup>28</sup> When their children enter a Canadian public school today they speak two German dialects,<sup>29</sup> are in the process of learning to write High German, and yet quickly become fluent in English at the public school, since all subjects are taught in English. The particular educational system evolved by the Hutterites turns out tri-lingual, law-abiding, family-loving, peaceful, happy, hard-working, productive citizens.<sup>30</sup> Yet in the last few decades educators have unleashed scathing criticism against the Hutterites for their refusal to send their children off the colony to town schools, and against their continued practice of encouraging children to quit school as soon as provincial laws permit, thus denying them mathematical and scientific training and the 'privileges' of modern technological society.

Hostility towards the Brethren was sufficiently widespread in Alberta in 1959 that the provincial government set up a committee to investigate the Hutterites.<sup>31</sup> The committee inquired deeply enough into the Hutterite history and customs to understand them. However, it did not agree with them. The committee felt that the very things the Hutterites tried to avoid in Canadian

society—competition, higher education, private ownership, and patriotic attitudes—were the things they needed most. *The Report of the Hutterite Investigation Committee* contains opinions of various school superintendents. One wrote: 'I like Hutterite people but I despise their self-deception. We are dealing with misplaced religious zeal. They won't listen to reason.' Another said that, 'pupils get poorer and more listless as they grow older.' Among the suggestions to break the Hutterites' hold on their children, the report states that 'a . . . subtle approach, aimed at ultimate integration, might be . . . effective. . . . Indoctrination is not recommended but it is felt that Hutterite children would respond well to stimulating teachers with plenty of personality.'<sup>32</sup> In a later section the report complains that Hutterites have 'no loyalty to the country in which they live' (presumably because most colonies do not fly the national flag or sing the national anthem in school—ceremonies considered almost idolatrous) and that 'responsibilities of citizenship are not accepted' (because Hutterites do not vote or hold public office). The report concludes: 'The assimilation of a religious sect exhibiting such strong social cohesion as the Hutterian Brethren will take time and patience.'

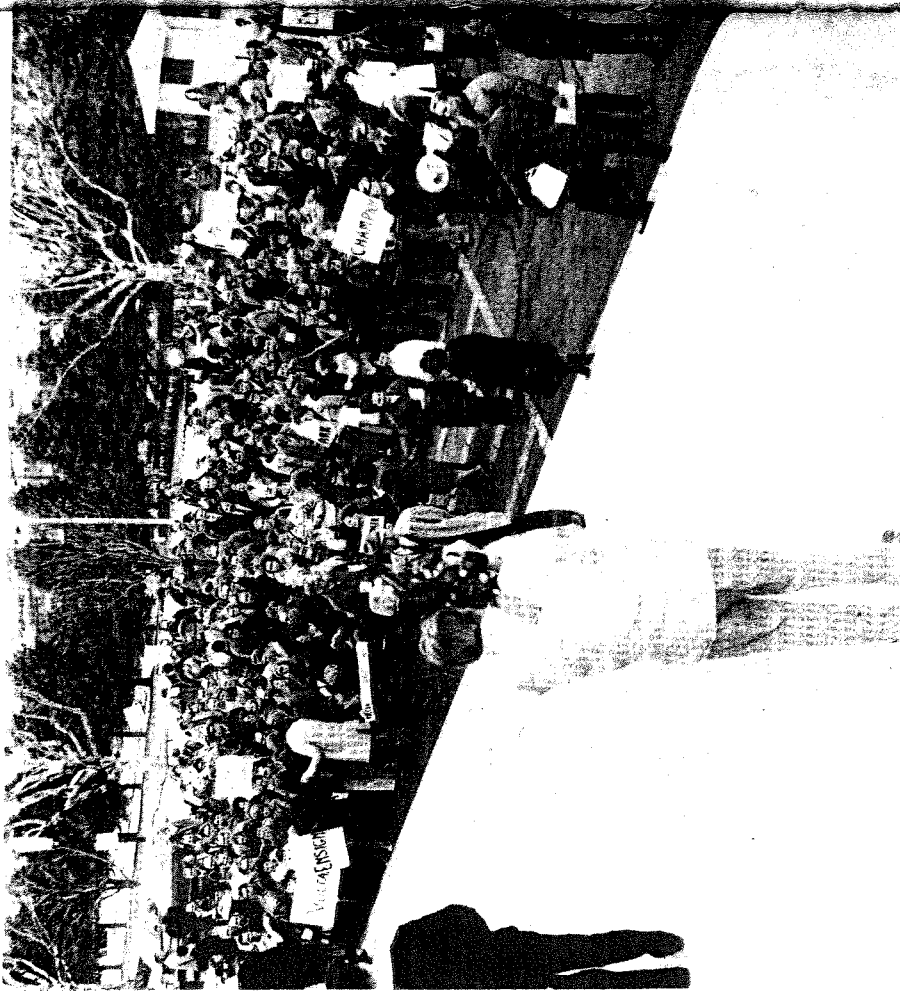
Arguments by the Hutterites in support of their educational philosophy have gained little public sympathy and much hostility from professional educators. Those, like the Alberta superintendents, who advocate assimilation of minority groups through the public-school system are naturally most adamant in their opposition to Hutterite educational policy. In this century educational institutions have come to reflect the technological needs of government and business; high-school graduation and university degrees are now necessary prerequisites to join the work force. Even trade unions demand grade-twelve education for apprentices. Individuals—and groups like the Hutterites—who believe in on-the-spot practical education have been ridiculed as reactionaries and semi-literates.<sup>33</sup>

The Hutterites believe that the public-school system should serve their needs as taxpayers and not the supposed educational philosophy of the government. They argue that their young people will spend their adult lives in the agricultural setting of the colony

## RELIGIOUS AND NATIONALISTIC CONFLICT

On a bitterly cold day in late February 1973, in Alberta, the most westerly of Canada's vast, windswept Prairie provinces, a cavalcade of 300 angry protesters from the Brant and Vulcan area—60 miles south-east of Calgary—trekked by car and bus to the government buildings in the capital city of Edmonton, almost 300 miles to the north. Across the province newspapers had proclaimed: 'Stop the land take-over!', 'Save the country from foreigners!', 'Protect our communities!', 'Hostile marchers: violence is feared!'. Letters of hate, abuse, and concern had poured into newspaper and government offices; MLAs<sup>1</sup> had risen in the Legislature and ominously warned that 'people are talking about burnings . . . and taking the law into their own hands.'

This march on Edmonton was undertaken by normally quiet, conservative farmers and small-town businessmen who disliked the pacifist, communal-living Christian sect called Hutterites. They were protesting against the actions of the newly elected Conservative provincial government under Premier Peter Lougheed, who had decided to abolish one of Canada's unique yet controversial provincial laws, the Communal Property Act of 1947, and the subsequent Communal Property Control Board of 1959. These measures had somewhat limited the expansion of Hutterite colonies within the province, threatened their communes with severe internal problems, and encouraged Hutterites to migrate outside the province. Indeed in the last twenty-five years many new col-



*Rural Alberta residents, mostly from the Vulcan area, gathered on February 28, 1973, on the steps of the Legislative Building in Edmonton, to protest—'quietly', in the words of the Vulcan Advocate—the government's land policy.*

onies had been set up in the province of Saskatchewan and the states of Montana and Washington because of the Alberta restrictions. The Loughheed government believed that the Communal Property Act, passed during the thirty-five-year Social Credit administration, violated the new Alberta Bill of Rights that forbids religious discrimination. The protesters had organized to dissuade the government. In spite of their efforts, however, the repeal took effect on March 1, 1973.

Unlike the Doukhobor zealots—the Sons of Freedom—the Hutterites do not parade nude, make homemade bombs, or set buildings ablaze. Unlike the Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses, the Hutterites do not address strangers on street-corners or go from house to house ringing door-bells to win converts. Hutterites prohibit card playing, dancing, and smoking, frown on professional sports and games, and discountenance birth control, but they never seek to inflict their notions on others. On the contrary, they avoid confrontations with outsiders and, through their austere standard of personal living and their distinct but plain (usually dark and unadorned) dress, they seek to separate themselves from the world and its fashions. Shrewd agriculturalists and excellent dry-land farmers, they are for the most part unsophisticated. Their success in avoiding many universal social problems is shown by the fact that juvenile delinquency, drug use, suicide, divorce, and unemployment are unknown to them.<sup>2</sup> Wanting only freedom to practise their religion and to act out their belief in communal living, they have nevertheless drawn criticism and hostility from the citizens of all the countries in which they have lived.

No country has tolerated the Hutterites for long nor been able to bring about a thorough cultural assimilation of them. Hutterian Peter Tschetter describes them as 'a people on the move . . . often leaving one land to seek refuge in another. Often they seem to be a people without a country, wanderers on the face of the earth, having no abiding city, and on the whole, pilgrims and sojourners on the earth rather than partakers of the life and culture of the people and nations among whom they have lived.'<sup>3</sup> Behind all the persecution that has attended them for four and a half centuries

has been resentment of this characteristic. Most societies cannot tolerate any group in their midst that wants to remain separate and distinct.

The Hutterites are one of the three remaining Anabaptist religious groups (the others are the Amish and the Mennonites) that originated in the sixteenth century during the Christian Reformation in Europe. In common with all Anabaptists of the time, they were persecuted by other Protestants and Roman Catholics for their rejection of infant baptism<sup>4</sup> and for their teachings against the alliance of Church and State.<sup>5</sup> (Both were doctrines that were accepted throughout Europe in the 1500s.) Anabaptists believe the Bible teaches that baptism should be a ceremony of Christian initiation that follows an adult's commitment to Jesus Christ and also that Christians must separate themselves from the sinful world. To remain pure, the Church, as the community of true believers, must not become involved in the corrupting affairs of the State. For example, in the sixteenth century, war and capital and corporal punishment were commonly used by the State even though they were expressly forbidden by Christ's admonitions to be peaceful and non-violent. The Church, when it allies itself with the State, becomes tainted and its divine message perverted. Anabaptists do not want to overthrow the State but want to divorce themselves from its work and methods.

In an era when religious conformity was the accepted norm and when both Roman Catholics and Protestants were violently struggling with each other for supremacy, the challenge of Anabaptism was met head on by the Church, and by the State with which it was in league. In the 1520s and 1530s many hundreds of Anabaptists suffered barbarous martyrdoms.<sup>6</sup> The sentence passed on Michael Sattler, a prominent Anabaptist theologian who in 1528 was convicted of heresy, read in part: '... the executioner . . . shall take him to the square and there first cut out his tongue, then forge him fast to a wagon and there with glowing iron tongs twice tear pieces from his body, then on the way to the site of the execution five times more as above and then burn his body to powder as an archheretic.'

Despite these trials the Hutterites, who set themselves apart

for any, but equality (and, therefore, conformity) for all. Minority groups such as the Mennonites and Hutterites were targets of nationalist attacks because they refused to become part of the Russian nation, retained their German language, and, of course, were not members of the state Orthodox religion. There had not been one intermarriage between a Hutterite and a Russian. Completely galling were the privileges that had been given the Hutterites and other minorities in 1770 to entice immigrants; a hundred years later the Russian government abolished their rights to exemption from military service as guaranteed by Catherine the Great and asked that, instead of actual combat, they undertake alternative national service.<sup>9</sup> Also, Russian was to become the compulsory language of instruction in such schools as then existed in Russia—a direct slap at the Anabaptists, who were far more advanced in education than most of their Russian neighbours. Immediately many Mennonites and all the Hutterites decided to leave the country rather than submit to a language policy that might speed up their assimilation and to a military policy that was in conflict with their conscience.

Arrival  
in U.S.

Delegates were sent to investigate the lands and policies of North American governments and in 1873 they visited parts of the United States and the fledgling province of Manitoba in Canada,<sup>10</sup> then inhabited mostly by Indians and Métis.<sup>11</sup> Only Canada would guarantee them military exemption, but one half of the Mennonites (18,000) and all Hutterites (500 to 800) opted for the better lands and climatic conditions of the United States—and hoped that war would never come. A revival of communal ideals had recently begun to form and in 1878, when the Hutterites settled in the James River valleys of the Dakota territory<sup>12</sup>—soon to be the south-east corner of the state of South Dakota—half of them started three colonies. The remaining Hutterites homesteaded as individual landholders and have since been largely assimilated into American society, although many of their descendants belong to the Crimean (Krimmer) Mennonite Church. By 1917, when war fever hit the United States, the communal Hutterites were becoming prosperous; there were seventeen colonies and their numbers had grown to 1,700.

First  
World War

Before the United States entered the First World War, allied propaganda and Americans who were favourable to their country's participation<sup>13</sup> spread the idea in the U.S. that the Germans were militaristic imperialists who committed brutal atrocities, and that Germany was a threat to civilization and democracy. Not all were easily convinced. The recent large European immigration—about 32 million (many of whom had fled Europe to escape warfare)—and a great many people of pro-German sympathies in the Middle West demanded neutrality and pacifism. However, the sinking of American merchant ships in the war zone by German U-boats finally persuaded the United States to declare war on April 6, 1917. Now there was little public sympathy for those who did not join up, much less for those who gave the war no moral or vocal support. The citizenship responsibilities of those who were opposed to war were dramatically brought into question.

In the Selective Service Act of May 18, 1917, conscription was made absolute and universal and the president was granted the privilege of defining noncombatant service. President Wilson announced on March 20, 1918 that pacifists—including the Hutterites—were expected to join the military in a noncombatant role.

The Hutterites had been distinguished for their non-violence since 1528, when they split away from many of their Anabaptist brethren who had accepted wartime protection from a Moravian, Lord Liechtenstein. They believed that an unknown fate at the hands of the invading Moslem Turks would be better than co-operation in a war effort that must disobey the Biblical commandment 'Thou shalt not kill'. Their non-violence resulted from more than the liberal conviction that one culture or nation did not have the right to trample upon a weaker one and went beyond the pacifist conviction that it is wrong to kill people for humanistic or divine reasons. They had a complete disdain of all human physical violence.<sup>14</sup> In the words of Jacob Hutter, from whom the sect takes its name,

*Here we lie upon the barren earth, as God wills, without harm to anyone. We do not wish nor desire to do harm or evil to any man, yea, not even to our worst enemy. And all our life and deeds,*

Non-  
violence



*words and works are open to all. Yea, before we would knowingly wrong a man to the value of a penny, we would rather lose a hundred pounds; and before we would strike our greatest enemy with the hand, to say nothing of with the gun or sword, as the world does, we would rather die, and let our own lives be taken. We have no material weapons, neither spear nor gun, as every one can see.*

Peter Riedemann in his *Confession*, written in 1540 in a Marburg jail, and in other writings, codified Hutterite pacifist beliefs during their most intense period of persecution. At the end of a short sermon—one that is often referred to by Hutterites today—he wrote: 'It is clearly to be seen that one ought neither to avenge himself nor to go to war, but rather offer his back to the strikers, and his cheeks to them that pluck off the hair; that is, suffer with patience and wait upon God, who is righteous, and who will repay it.' The Hutterites believe that they must seek to imitate Christ, that they must cultivate passive obedience, defencelessness, and non-resistance to those who would persecute, kill, or maim them. 'They are convinced that only in this way can God's love work to bring peace to the world.'

After nearly 400 years, uncompromising non-resistance was still foremost in Hutterite beliefs and they refused to support the First World War by buying bonds or by joining the army even in a non-combat role. When the United States government called a group of young Hutterite men for military duty, they appeared at the induction centre but refused to sign admission papers, to put on army uniforms, or to take up any kind of duty on the grounds that they were religious objectors to war. Victor Peters writes that there were cases of mock courtmartial at which these conscientious objectors were sentenced to be shot. They were led out to face the firing squad, the countdown was given, and the command to fire—but there were no shots. A reprieve would then be issued to the shocked victims.<sup>15</sup>

Unfortunately for the Hutterites in 1917, their German language reminded Americans that these pacifist strangers were not only refusing to serve the war effort but might actually be

helping the enemy. What people could not realize, owing to the hysteria of war, was that the Hutterites deliberately retained German to insulate themselves from North American culture.<sup>16</sup> Also, the rigid and formal structure of the German language helped to maintain the order and conformity needed to preserve the Hutterite communal organization that they believed was necessary for full Christian living.

Insidious rumours circulated throughout South Dakota. The Hutterites were accused of salting ground glass in the flour that they milled for public sale. Impetuous fanatics stole Hutterite sheep and cattle from their pastures and, like common thieves, sold them at a fraction of cost to eager buyers. Mobs attacked colonies and some elders were abused and beaten. The Hutterites passively looked on in bewilderment at these actions.

Seventeen hundred Hutterites were but a diminutive minority in the total American population: they had no spokesman or lobby in high places, and their South Dakota lands were far from the centres of power. They were obvious targets because of their separate and distinct way of life and their German ethnic identity. The Hutterians appealed to President Wilson for 'liberty to live according to the dictates of our conscience', while committing themselves to be 'loyal to our God-ordained government and to serve our country in ways which do not interfere with our religious convictions'. But American wartime nationalism seemed to be insulted by the Hutterites' insistence on their divine authority.

The U.S. government tried 503 conscientious objectors for refusing enlistment: 17 142 received life imprisonment and 17 men were sentenced to death. (No one was executed and all were pardoned by the President shortly after the war.) Of the Hutterites tried, four—Joseph, Michael, and David Hofer, and Jacob Wipf—were sentenced to thirty-seven years in prison for their refusal to enlist.<sup>18</sup> In short order they were confined in the infamous military prison on the island of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay, where they were handcuffed and at night chained to each other by their ankles. When these men adamantly refused to put on military uniforms, they were thrown into solitary and told that only by complying would they be released from their dungeon. For five days they had



the wet, cold, concrete floor for a bed; clad only in their underwear, they endured long hours without food and with only meagre rations of water. At times they were clubbed and tied to the ceiling.

After four months at Alcatraz they were transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in chains. From the railway station to the military prison they were prodded with bayonets and herded like oxen through the streets. When they arrived at the prison they were forced to remove their sweat-soaked clothing and to wait for two hours, chilled to the bone, until a prison outfit was given to them. Even then they still had to wait outside in the cold early-morning hours. Joseph and Michael Hofer collapsed and were taken to the hospital. Jacob Wipf and David Hofer were confined to solitary and placed on a starvation diet. They were made to stand nine hours each day, with hands tied and stretched through the prison bars, their feet barely able to touch the floor. Joseph Hofer died in a few days. When his wife came to claim his body, the guards at first would not let her near. Finally, when she was allowed to see the casket, she found that Joseph had been dressed in the uniform that to the end he had refused to wear. Michael Hofer perished a few days later. Within two years most Hutterites had sold or abandoned their colonies, at considerable economic loss, and moved to Canada.<sup>19</sup>

Arrival in  
Canada

Hutterites view their First World War experience as but one minor episode in their long, harrowing, four-and-a-half-century-old conflict with the world, with governments, and with human nature.<sup>20</sup> As Eli Walter, minister of Spring Creek colony in Montana, put it to an outsider: 'The stronger the pressures are upon us, the stronger we become. In your life you stand alone. In ours there are many to help lift up a fallen brother.'<sup>21</sup> Joseph Kleinsasser, minister of the Lehrereut colony at Baildon, 15 miles south-east of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, added another dimension: 'We stress the risk of persecution and the way of non-violence. We take seriously the day of judgement and believe that our deeds here will be sifted then. We live in common here, but upstairs [in heaven] I can't help you and you can't help me.'

Hutterite elders teach the younger generations to anticipate the possibility of martyrdom at every turn. While nearly every Chris-

tian denomination has its saints and heroes, the Anabaptists—and especially the Hutterites—have developed a powerful written tradition of devotional and historical material that vividly portrays the sacrifices made by members of the sect. The *Large Chronicle* of Peter Walpot—the greatest Hutterite missionary organizer of the late sixteenth century—and the *Small Chronicle* of Joannes Waldner (1749-1824)—a zealous convert to the faith—together with the Anabaptist *Martyr's Mirror*, record well over 2,000 eye-witness and other accounts of the martyrdoms of ordinary Anabaptists. Whereas Catholicism has taught in the past that only a few Christians—saints, monks, and nuns—were called by God to the 'perfect life', Hutterites and other Anabaptists teach that all believers are equally saints and ministers of the Gospel and that all are equally accountable for their faith—or lack of it.

For many of the older generation especially, theirs is rarely, in the effervescent North American sense, a joyful life. While the younger families who have lived only in Canada and who have not experienced the traumatic emotional and spiritual upheavals of the past, are more gregarious and exhibit many of the carefree yet restrained traits of Prairie farmers, the elderly cannot forget the persecution of the First World War. Corporal punishment has never befallen Hutterites in Canada, but they have been subject to discriminatory laws and to virulent attacks in the media. Nevertheless Hutterite colonies have multiplied and prospered. This worldly success has incurred the wrath of jealous neighbours and of those who are frightened by a sect that remains anonymous and isolated in communes. The march on Edmonton by Brant and Vulcan area residents, while advertised as a protest against a repeal of the Communal Property Act, was in large part a retaliation against a new Hutterite colony that was being set up in their district—one of eighty-two now in Alberta.<sup>22</sup>

Older Hutterites advise their young to be prepared for the worst from the world. Their chequered history gives them no reason for over-confidence.

then . . . such a man would have no legal rights. He could not vote, he could not hold property, he could not in case of invasion of his rights call upon the Government or the courts for protection.<sup>13</sup>

The *Guardian* later took a strong stand against anti-war church groups. 'In the time of war', the paper proclaimed, 'any type of religion which is pro-German is not a desirable type for this country, and any type which is not ardently pro-British and pro-American is not very much better.'

Since even the Methodists, regarded as the most socially progressive pre-war Church, were alienated from immigrants and pacifists, it is easy to see why Hutterites felt intimidated by Canadian hostility in 1918. There seemed to be no one willing to speak out except in opposition to them.

The Calgary *Eye-Opener* perceptively forecast that, when the war was over, returning veterans would be more resentful of the Hutterites than of any other group of Albertans. The paper categorically declared that 'the returned soldiers and citizens generally will not stand' for Hutterite exemption from military service. 'It is too much to expect of a people who have so loyally contributed their best blood to the overseas army.' Correctly, the newspaper predicted that future strife would revolve around the claims that war veterans were unable to compete with the well-organized and efficient Hutterites in purchasing good land, which was in short supply.

*Their colonies require large blocks of land . . . and these are exactly what the returned soldier must have if the great problem of demobilization is to be solved . . . It is maddening to think that just at the time when Soldier Land Settlement problems are presenting so many difficulties in the way of finding suitable lands accessible to railways and civilization, then hordes of Mennonites<sup>14</sup> are allowed to flock into Canada from the States in order to escape military service.*

When the Hutterites arrived in Canada in September 1918, agitation against them, and against other pacifists, made itself felt in public statements, petitions, and telegrams to government offi-

cials and elected representatives.<sup>15</sup> Not only did groups like the Great War Veterans Association and the Great War Next of Kin Association, from towns and cities in southern Alberta and Manitoba, complain about the privileges of the Hutterites, but they demanded that foreign immigration be stopped and that any exemptions given immigrant groups be immediately rescinded. The veterans found an ally in the Board of Home Missions and Social Service of the Presbyterian Church, which publicly stated its *disapproval of the policy of permitting large numbers of persons of foreign language and tradition to settle in contiguity so that the process of assimilation becomes unduly slow and the growth of the proper national spirit is retarded.*

Furthermore the Board supported the anti-pacifist and pro-Anglo-phone opinion

*that all persons entering the country as settlers should be prepared to undertake their fair share of all national burdens, including national defense, and the strongest discouragement should be given to the instituting of schools in which work is carried on in the German or other foreign language.*

Violent opposition to the Hutterites became focused in Parliament, particularly in the outspoken attacks of Members from Alberta. William Ashbury Buchanan, a Liberal-Unionist MP for Lethbridge, reminded the vote-conscious Members that not only returned soldiers but many other citizens were upset as well.

*A number of Canadian clubs throughout Western Canada have declared themselves against the entrance of these people [Hutterites] into the Dominion. Now the Canadian clubs, as I know them, are supposed to represent a very high type of citizenship; they want to perpetuate the very best ideals of our citizenship, and if after mature consideration by men of all parties and of all creeds, the Canadian clubs in Winnipeg and elsewhere in the West declare that it is not in the interest of Canada that these people should be allowed to settle in this country . . .<sup>16</sup>*

The federal government gave in to public pressure and issued

Orders-in-Council revoking the military exemption that was guaranteed to Hutterites in 1899 (April 1919) and prohibited further immigration of South Dakota Hutterites (May and June 1919).<sup>17</sup> To the public the government gave this explanation:

*Owing to conditions prevailing as a result of war, a widespread feeling exists throughout Canada . . . that steps should be taken to prohibit the landing in Canada of immigrants deemed undesirable owing to their particular customs, habits, modes of living, and methods of holding property, and because of their probable inability to become readily assimilated . . .*<sup>18</sup>

In a letter of September 1919 to Hutterite Joseph Kleinsasser, Milltown, South Dakota, the Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, wrote in similar fashion, but concluded:

*If, in the future, this decision should be reversed, it will depend largely, if not entirely, upon the conduct and mode of life of those of your people now settled in Canada. Unless they are prepared to become Canadian citizens in the truest and best sense of the term, and . . . assume all the obligations of citizenship including military service, it is extremely doubtful if any government in Canada would be prepared to admit them.*

The betrayal of the Hutterites who were already in Canada and the infidelity of the Canadian government towards the groups still in South Dakota can partly be rationalized by the fact that the wartime coalition Union Government underwent immense stress and pressures in the early post-war months. There was rapid inflation and increased unemployment as factories producing war materials closed and returning soldiers could not find jobs. Workers had seen war profiteers use the holocaust for their own benefit<sup>19</sup> and now, with discontented soldiers, they gathered together in Calgary, in March 1919, to form the One Big Union—a super-union patterned on a similar American organization. The OBU drew up a constitution with these introductory words—some-what reminiscent of Karl Marx: 'Modern industrial society is divided into two classes, those who possess and do not produce and

those who produce and do not possess. Between these two classes a continual struggle takes place.'

The Canadian government feared that a Bolshevik takeover, such as had occurred in Russia, was near at hand. The OBU seemed the first step in the direction of a workers' revolution. Resolutions of the OBU passed at the Calgary conference called for the complete abolition of private property and, because the Canadian system of parliamentary government was a 'capitalistic device to crush the legitimate aspirations of labour', for the establishment of workers' soviets (elected councils). The subsequent Winnipeg General Strike—from May 15 to June 26, 1919—seemed to the confused federal and local authorities to be the first step towards civil violence and rebellion.

The *Free Press* gave its prejudiced interpretation of the strike and its extremist solution of future labour problems.

*The idea . . . is to employ these masses of rough, uneducated foreigners, who know nothing of our customs and our civilization, to browbeat and override the intelligent and skilled craftsmen of the more technical trades who are numerically weaker. The surest way to break the hold of the anarchist . . . upon labour is to clean the aliens out of the community.*<sup>20</sup>

The *Victoria Daily Times* said of the strike that 'it might not be very surprising to find that Bolshevik pedagogues were at the back of the whole business'. The Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe were particularly suspect because of their supposed 'racial' affinities with the peoples of the Soviet Union. *La Presse* was also alarmist in May 1919: 'There is no longer any doubt about it. Bolshevism has for certain planted its tent at Winnipeg. There exists . . . a worker's news-sheet that claims the striker's aim to found a government of Soviets, as there is in Russia.'

The federal government reacted to the anti-alien propaganda by amending the Immigration Act on June 6 to permit the deportation, without trial, of any person who was not a British subject. The victims of this action were to include any person who was even 'suspected of belonging to any secret society or organization . . . or

## ECONOMIC CONFLICT: 1920-74

After the First World War, in the twenties and thirties, there was still a residue of racial and ethnic hatred in Canada. Stalinist terror campaigns against minorities in the Soviet Union caused 20,000 German-speaking Mennonites to flee to Canada to escape torture, imprisonment, exile to Siberia, and forced assimilation. Many of these refugees settled in Prairie areas where there were already large concentrations of Hutterites and Mennonites. The Board of Trade of Southern Alberta became alarmed and in 1927 began to protest against the Mennonites and Hutterites who, it claimed, were the 'wrong kind of settlers' and were acquiring the 'best' lands. 'If we cannot obtain British and good northern European settlers,' warned the Board in a press release that expressed the Social Darwinian outlook, 'it would be better to have no immigrants at all.' Under public pressure the Canadian government closed the door on immigration in 1929 and stopped the new wave of Mennonites from reaching Canada. However, a small number of Dakota Hutterites were admitted in 1931.<sup>1</sup>

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In the late summer of that year the Wolf Creek colony of South Dakota made plans to move to southern Alberta. But the party of Premier J. E. Brownlee—the United Farmers of Alberta—was determined to keep them out. 'We regret to have to say that these people have not proven very satisfactory immigrants,' Brownlee remarked to the federal Minister of Immigration. 'We quite admit that they are frugal, industrious, and hard working, but on the

other hand they do not assimilate or mix with other people in the province.' Assimilation was still a touchy political issue and the government wished to keep tempers down and to maintain harmony in the province.

Brownlee was joined by provincial legislators and boards of trade in the New Dayton and Warner areas to pressure the federal government to halt the move. However, when lawyers hired by the Hutterites were able to show Ottawa that the prospective immigrants had already sold their Dakota land and had made binding financial commitments in Canada, the Conservative government refused to disallow the Hutterites' entry. The government of Alberta finally agreed, reluctantly, to accept the Hutterites in August 1931 after it had been approached by the Hutterites' lawyers, the federal immigration department, the colonization board of the CPR, and the Lethbridge Board of Trade.

Two months later the Hutterites negotiated entry for another group of their people to join a colony at Magrath, Alberta.<sup>2</sup> The provincial government responded to this by claiming that there had been a gentleman's agreement to the effect that additional members of the sect would not come into the province, that all colonies would be incorporated, and that landholdings would not be increased. The Hutterites denied the existence of this agreement. The group intended for Magrath were allowed entry only when the federal immigration department again intervened.

The first Hutterite immigrants to Alberta sent their children to nearby one-room schoolhouses. However, farming families did not like their children mixing with Hutterite youngsters, and community pressure resulted in the Hutterites' establishing and maintaining, at their own expense, a school on each colony. The provincial government and the local school board have kept up this arrangement and the Hutterites continue to pay school taxes in return for qualified teachers. There are still no Hutterite children in Canada attending schools outside their colonies.<sup>3</sup>

In 1931 Edwin A. Pitt, an elementary school teacher at Daly Creek, Alberta, was asked by a delegation from the local Hutterite colony if he would be willing to teach sixteen of their children at his school. The Depression had so affected their finances that they

terites, now had a sanguine view of further Hutterite immigration. The Hutterites were able to survive the Depression better than individual farmers because of the co-operation between colonies, the diversity of their farm operation, and their simple style of living. By 1935 even South Dakota decided it wanted to keep its one remaining Hutterite colony and again passed a law allowing colonies to incorporate.<sup>9</sup> Everyone now wanted the Hutterites.

In 1939 the Second World War broke out and Canada was once more embroiled in conflict with Germany. With the economy starting to boom, Prairie newspapers, civic organizations, and patriotic leagues all joined in reviving the debate that had accompanied the entry of Hutterites into Canada in 1918-19. This time hostility was directed at their continued rapid land expansion while other farmers were fighting a war that the Hutterites preferred to ignore.<sup>10</sup> Some, like the Loyalist League at Pincher Creek, wanted the sect expelled from the country, their property confiscated, and their land resold, cheaply, to assimilable Canadians. Others, like the Alberta chapter of the I.O.D.E. and the United Farmers of Alberta (now out of power), wanted the repeal of the federal guarantee of Hutterite military exemption.

At first many Hutterites stoutly maintained their traditional non-violent convictions: they refused military duty and alternative service as well. On this account several were jailed for short periods.<sup>11</sup> Eventually, however, they (along with Mennonites, Doukhobors, and Quakers, et al.) considerably compromised their First World War stand and accepted placement in labour camps for road work and forestry duty. As one Hutterite woman put it, 'Better to feed bears in the parks than to kill people.' The government allowed a Hutterite minister in each camp to help the conscripted youth keep their communal rules and discipline. Each Hutterite was paid fifty cents a day for his alternative service. For those exempted to do farm work, the colony had to pay the government \$15 per exemption per month.

There was another public outcry when the Hutterites refused to invest in government Victory Bonds because the money would help to support the war. The Hutterites then proceeded to make large contributions to the Red Cross and invested half a million

dollars in government bonds for non-war purposes. In lieu of paying them interest, which the Hutterites refused to accept, the government pledged to use the money 'to alleviate stress or human suffering due to the war.'<sup>12</sup>

Several times in its lengthy term of office (1935-71) the Social Credit government of Alberta responded to public pressure against the Hutterites. In 1944 the Land Sales Prohibition Act, which prohibited the sale or lease of land to Hutterites (ostensibly to protect them from wartime violence as they moved into new regions), was passed. It was a temporary measure that was to end with the war,<sup>13</sup> but it remained in force until 1947, when it was replaced by the Communal Property Act that prevented any Hutterite colony from expanding its land holdings beyond 1944 limits.<sup>14</sup> No new colonies could be built within forty miles of an existing one, nor could any colony possess more than 6,400 acres.<sup>15</sup> No land could be sold to Hutterites without first being offered for sale for sixty days under the Veterans' Land Act of 1942, which provided provincial assistance to veterans entering farming. There was scarcely a murmur of dissent throughout the province to this discriminatory legislation, though it was criticized by eastern newspapers.<sup>16</sup>

The immediate effect of this legislation was to force Hutterites out of the southern regions of Alberta, where they were concentrated, into other parts of the province. As a consequence, provincial hostility actually increased because rumours spread ahead of their advance and new areas were prejudiced against the Hutterites before they could establish a neighbourly reputation. The long-term result of the Communal Property Act was to encourage Hutterites to branch into the neighbouring province of Saskatchewan and also south of the border into the states of Montana and Washington. Today one-third of all Hutterites live in the U.S. By 1971 there were twenty-two colonies in Montana alone.

Throughout the 1950s there were sporadic but still insidious attacks in the media. The Hutterite practice of holding property in common led, especially during the McCarthy 'Red Scare' in the United States, to rumours that the Hutterites were Marxist Communists. The philosophy of Karl Marx is often summarized as



baptism was an attempt to cast aside the influences of the world and to reconstruct a pure Biblical Christianity according to Christ's teachings and as practised by the primitive early Church of the first disciples and apostles. To keep the Brethren clean from sin, Hutterites today separate themselves from the world.

They believe that God, in His providence, has established governments so that the fallen world can rule itself with the least hardship, considering the sin that surrounds and envelops it. In the words of the Hutterite *Large Chronicle* of the seventeenth century, 'the government is ordained by God and is an institution as necessary in this evil world as the daily bread.'<sup>1</sup> Hutterites readily acknowledge the necessity to be good citizens who obey laws and pay taxes. They themselves run their colonies according to strict regulations and prescribed order; their society is a microcosm of the way in which they believe God has intended the whole universe to operate. Hutterites, however, co-operate with governments only when they consider that the integrity of their Christianity-influenced, colony-educated conscience and of their dedication to following the teaching and commands of Jesus Christ is not threatened.

Governments, as well as individuals, at times fall sway to the devil's persuasions, and war—the epitomy of satanic degradation, in Hutterite eyes—often results. Just as there is a line between worldly behaviour and Christian conduct, so, for the Hutterites, there is a point of conscience beyond which the true Christian cannot go in his allegiance to the State. Non-violence and pacifism are essential ingredients in their concept of Christian discipleship and they refuse to acknowledge the right of any government to ask a citizen to kill or maim or to contribute in any way to this kind of action.

In seeking to maintain solidarity and strength in the face of government dictates, Hutterites call upon a brotherhood of fellow Hutterites—their *Gemein*—for guidance. Each individual is an intimate member of this brotherhood, which considers itself called by God to serve Him by a form of corporate behaviour that sets the group apart from the world. The concept of individual salvation is foreign to Hutterites, who believe that no one can enter or re-

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main in God's kingdom without his brother. In matters that are not directly spelled out in Church teaching, individual Hutterites normally look to their brotherhood for the proper interpretation of Christian behaviour as opposed to ungodly or worldly conduct.

An edited diary, written in 1918, by an American Hutterite who was conscripted into the U.S. army, illustrates that it is a mistake to think that Hutterites rely *solely* on their conscience, as is common in Protestantism.<sup>2</sup> Jakob Waldner was twenty-six years old, married, the father of four small children, and a member of the Spring Creek colony at Lewistown, Montana, when he was drafted. He reluctantly reported for induction to Camp Funston, Kansas, in December 1917. There he and 150 other conscientious objectors (fourteen of whom were Hutterites) were virtually prisoners of the army for a year. Waldner and the other Hutterites at first refused to submit to the required army medical examinations, much less to shave their beards and put on regular army uniforms. They did so only when their colony ministers, to whom they wrote, assured them that the medicals were not unChristian.

As the government forbade them from having a minister stay with them in the camp to advise them, they consistently refused to do anything at all except keep themselves clean, thus unnecessarily arousing the vengeance of their officers. In the following months they refused army pay, for 'we don't want to stain our hands with this blood money'.<sup>3</sup> They were asked to work in hospitals, on the railways, in the forests, in the quartermaster's stores, the camp kitchens, and even to weed the camp grounds. In all cases the Hutterites always acted together and refused.

An incident near the village of Sobotiste, Slovakia, in 1633, as recorded in the Hutterite *Small Chronicle*, illustrates the extent to which the welfare of the *Gemein* must be considered by the Hutterites when they are faced with ethical decisions.<sup>4</sup> A nobleman and one of the local Hutterite landlords, Francis Nagy-Michaly, came to the colony and demanded horses, which his servants imprudently began driving off without payment or permission. The Hutterite workmen instinctively grabbed hold of sticks, pitchforks, and axes to prevent the apparent theft of their property; the Brethren's leaders, who might have been a restraining influence,



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*freedom that in certain offices they do not even require an account from them. It is displeasing to God that the lords tolerate them and entrust their estates to them.*<sup>12</sup>

Their farming, crafts, and managerial skills became well known and, in the late eighteenth century, no doubt made the Hutterites attractive to a Russian government that was looking for immigrants to pioneer regions of the Ukraine. Their success in the following decades, when the region became well populated, again made them targets for local hostility; the citizens wanted the lands for themselves.

Local persecution of the Hutterites in South Dakota in the First World War also took an economic form. Neighbours drove off their livestock and complained to the authorities about unfair Hutterite competition. The state government maliciously took away their charter of incorporation in 1919, thus limiting their ability to do business profitably. Judge A. E. Taylor of the State Circuit Court at Huron, S.D. ruled that the Hutterites must disincorporate and sell all property valued at more than \$50,000 within 90 days.<sup>13</sup> Since then all states and provinces (except Saskatchewan) in which there are Hutterite colonies have, under pressure from local politicians and businessmen, passed similar legislation or have had a bill before its legislature threatening that action.<sup>14</sup> The Land Sales Prohibition Act and the Communal Property Act of Alberta epitomize the fundamental problem that has plagued Hutterites throughout their long history. The economic successes of Hutterites seem to bring out religious and social tensions and hostilities that might otherwise go unexpressed.

The tolerance and the willingness of North Americans to understand Hutterites seems directly proportional to their distance from the colonies. People who are near enough to Hutterite colonies to hear fabricated or highly coloured tales about them often draw conclusions that lack perspective and are not necessarily factual. While quick to point out Hutterite social failings, they are loath to recognize and appreciate their good qualities. But the Hutterites are partly to blame for this situation because in their predetermined attitudes to the outside world—however justified by past history—they have rarely encouraged any form of dialogue.

It is perhaps ironic that hostility to minority groups has been strong among those who have themselves strenuously promoted social welfare and co-operation as the salve for human problems.<sup>15</sup> Believing that universal peace and harmony can come only by destroying clannishness, old tribalisms, and nationalism, they seek a new homogeneous world society in which all people are equal and none have privileges.<sup>16</sup> To them, groups like the Hutterites, who maintain a separate and distinctive cultural identity, are anathema. The 'tribal' tenets of the Hutterite religion—pacifism and communalism—are particularly galling because they symbolize Hutterite exclusiveness and seem to stand for a belief in their own superiority.

Many people believe that liberty and happiness are man's natural rights (Hutterites maintain that these are divine rights that man can appropriate only by belief in God) and that only by education and enlightenment can man become capable of fulfilling his potential. Therefore the lack of intellectual and cultural stimulus that is found in the Hutterian way of life provokes the charge that they lead a 'vegetable existence' and that Hutterite elders deliberately keep their people in ignorance. Hutterite refusal to participate in government also sets them apart and infuriates those who have crusaded to make people of all nations aware of their political rights, to bring about universal suffrage, and to make it possible for any man to gain a place in government. 'In a country whose basis is democracy,' writes a typical Hutterite critic, 'it is doubtful whether people who refuse to participate in any way in the processes of government can be desirable citizens.'<sup>17</sup> While the Hutterite outlook on life is perhaps narrow and simple, progressive thinkers, in their own 'tribal' desire for conformity, have overlooked the fact that the ability of Hutterites to share and co-operate offers much to the larger community in which they live and that the goodness and virtue they so assiduously practise are necessary attributes in any ideal society. There are many people today—mostly urban dwellers and social critics—who believe this and are attracted to the Hutterites. Being unaffected by Hutterites, and hence unable to use the Brethren as scapegoats for their own economic failure, they see them as a unique group

conditions, amount of precipitation, and temperature variations. Has the location of Hutterite colonies been determined by these variables?

5. Research the expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia by the British in the eighteenth century and write an essay comparing this event with the Hutterite experience of the last 450 years. As well as historical sources, consult Longfellow's poem *Evangeline*. You could use for comparison other more recent events involving the dislocation of people: the partition of Palestine to form the state of Israel; the separation of the Irish Free State (Eire) and Northern Ireland; the partition of India and Pakistan (or the more recent separation of Bangladesh from Pakistan).

6. The following extract is from a book review by A. M. Willms in the *Canadian historical review* (Vol. 48, 1967, p. 163) of *All things common: the Hutterian way of life* (1966) by Victor Peters:

... the colonies, with their bleak, square barracks are set in bare, dusty yards unrelieved by hedges, flowers, or lawns. The homes have well-washed interiors and bare walls and are austere, without pictures, mirrors, wallpaper, or other ornament. They have no music, no musical instruments, no radio or television; they seldom see a newspaper, and they never have a magazine. The men I knew read little beyond their Bibles and an-

(a) What assumptions does this critic of the Hutterites make about a 'good' way of life?

(b) Does this critic ignore some attributes of the Hutterite way of life? If so, what are they?

(c) Some of the criticisms would no longer apply to many colonies. Which conditions do you think have changed and why?

## A MODERN DILEMMA

1. The supreme court of South Dakota, in a 1958 ruling, upheld that state's 1955 legislation prohibiting further incorporation of Hutterite colonies. John D. Unruh, in his *Christian century* article (see the Bibliography), argued that Dakotans, while seeming not to mind the rich absentee-owners' purchasing large blocks of state lands, acted against Hutterites, who are good citizens and resident landowners. To quote Unruh:

In his presentation before the court the attorney general referred to the unrestricted purchase of land by communals as an 'evil' that the legislature intended to remedy in response to public concern. If the legislature was indeed striking at an 'evil', Hutterites.

(a) Should the first concern of government be to respond to public opinion or to protect religious freedom?

(b) Do you think religious discrimination is the cause of the Hutterites' troubles in North America? Give your evidence.

(c) Why is there (has there been) animosity between groups of Christians? Between any two religious groups? What answer do you think Hutterites might give to this question?

2. The conflict within Christianity (symbolized by the Hutterite withdrawal into rural communes) over the flesh *v.* the spirit, the church *v.* the world, the secular *v.* the divine, is as old as Christianity itself. Interview a priest or minister and find out his viewpoint. Does he think the Church should be totally separate from the world or deeply involved in it? Why? What are the dangers of each position?

What role do Anabaptists play in the context of world-wide



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(all of the colonies listed are receiving USDA farm subsidies as of 2006)

<u>MINNESOTA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Big Stone Hutterian Brethren	320-748-7961	Graceville
Elmendorf Hutterian Brethren	507-427-2283	Mountain Lake
Heartland Hutterian Brethren	507-368-9589	Lake Benton
Lismore Hutterian Brethren	320-325-5485	Clinton
Spring Prairie Hutterian Brethren	218-498-0221	Hawley
Starland Hutterian Brethren	507-834-6915	Gibbon

<u>MONTANA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Ayers Ranch colony	406-428-2362	Grass Range
Big Sky colony	406-336-3690	Cut Bank
Big Stone colony	406-736-5401	Sand Coulee
Birch Creek colony	406-279-3586	Valier
Camrose colony	406-398-5355	Ledger
Cascade colony	406-264-5265	Sun River
Deerfield colony	406-538-7824	Lewistown
Duncan Ranch colony	406-632-4106	Harlowton
Eagle Creek colony	406-432-2583	Galata
East End colony	406-398-5374	Havre
East Malta Hutterian Brethren	406-654-2795	Malta
Elk Creek colony	406-562-3537	Wolf Creek
Fairhaven colony	406-866-3350	Ulm
Fords Creek colony	406-428-2350	Grass Range
Forty Mile colony	406-639-2981	Lodge Grass
Gildford Hutterian Brethren	406-376-3105	Gildford
Glacier colony	406-336-2622	Cut Bank
Glendale colony	406-336-2634	Cut Bank
Golden Valley colony	406-568-2210	Ryegate
Hartland colony	406-398-5350	Havre
Hidden Lake colony	406-336-3695	Cut Bank
Hilldale colony	406-398-5342	Havre
Hillside colony	406-937-2966	Sweet Grass
Horizon colony	406-336-2961	Sweet Grass
King Ranch colony	406-538-8840	Lewistown
Kingsbury colony	406-472-3304	Valier
Loring Hutterian Brethren	406-674-5227	Loring
Martinsdale colony	406-572-3329	Martinsdale

Midway colony	406-278-5278	Choteau
Milford colony	406-562-3533	Wolf Creek
Miller colony	406-466-2339	Choteau
Mountain View colony	406-667-2396	Broadview
New Miami colony	406-472-3310	Conrad
New Rockport colony	406-466-2112	Choteau
North Harlem colony	406-353-4617	Harlem
Pleasant Valley colony	406-736-5204	Belt
Pondera colony	406-279-3629	Valier
Prairie Elk Hutterian Brethren	406-525-3313	Wolf Point
Rimrock colony	406-937-3045	Sunburst
Riverview colony	406-456-3338	Chester
Rockport colony	406-469-2284	Pendroy
Sage Creek colony	406-292-3590	Chester
Seville colony	406-336-2430	Cut Bank
Spring Creek colony	406-538-5160	Lewistown
Springdale colony	406-547-3449	White Sulphur Spring
Springwater colony	406-632-4783	Harlowton
Sunny Brook colony	406-456-3338	Chester
Surprise Creek colony	406-566-2669	Stanford
Turner (Hutterian Brethren)	406-379-2340	Turner
Twin Hills colony	406-734-5216	Carter

<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Fairview Hutterian Association	701-883-4457	Lamoure
Forest River colony	701-865-4112	Fordville
Maple River Hutterian Brthn	701-375-6231	Fullerton
Spring Creek Hutterian	605-358-8811	Forbes
Sundale Hutterian Brethren	701-427-5897	Milnor
Willow Bank Hutterian Association	701-493-2151	Edgeley

<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Blumengard colony	605-324-3243	Faulkton
Bon Homme Hutterian Brethren	605-463-2422	Tabor
Brentwood colony	605-598-4589	Faulkton
Cedar Grove Hutt Breth	605-337-3038	Platte
Clark Hutt Breth	605-532-3582	Raymond
Clarmont Hutterian Brethren	605-793-2355	Castlewood

Clearfield Hutterian Brethren	605-779-2711	Delmont
Deerfield Hutt Bret	605-439-3258	Ipswich
Evergreen colony	605-324-3303	Faulkton
Fordham (Hutterian Bretheren)	605-532-3585	Carpenter
Glendale Hutterian Brethren	605-472-0772	Frankfort
Gracevale Hutterian Brethren	605-256-3100	Winfred
Grass Land Hutterian Brethren	605-439-3259	Westport
Grass Ranch Hutt Breth	605-778-6777	Kimball
Greenwood Hutterian Brethren	605-779-5221	Delmont
Hillcrest Hutterian Brethren	605-532-5700	Garden City
Hillside Hutterian Brethren	605-635-6363	Doland
Huron Hutterian Brethren	605-352-5647	Huron
Huttenville Hutterian Brethren	605-395-6580	Stratford
Jamesville colony	605-364-7307	Utica
Lakeview Hutterian Brethren	605-487-7992	Lake Andes
Long Lake Hutterian Brethren	605-439-3410	Wetonka
Maxwell colony	605-583-2861	Scotland
Mayfield Hutterian Brethren	605-625-3307	Willow Lake
Millersdale Hutterian Brethren	605-853-3908	Miller
Newdale Hutt Breth	605-542-4271	Elkton
New Elm Spring colony	605-928-3254	Ethan
Newport Hutterian Brethren	605-294-5885	Claremont
Norfeld Hutterian Brethren	605-629-6973	Gann Valley
Oaklane Hutterian Brethren	605-825-4296	Alexandria
Old Elm Spring colony	605-239-4693	Parkston
Orland Hutterian Brethren	605-363-5338	Montrose
Pearl Creek colony	605-546-2452	Iroquois
Pembroke Hutt Brethren	605-426-6501	Ipswich
Plainview Hutterian Brethren	605-426-6476	Leola
Platte Hutterian Brethren	605-726-3142	Platte
Pleasant Valley colony	605-997-3306	Flandreau
Poinsett Hutterian Brethren	605-873-2630	Estelline
Riverside Hutterian Brethren	605-352-7462	Huron
Rockport Hutterian Brethren	605-239-4422	Alexandria
Rolland Hutterian Brethren	605-693-4421	White
Rosedale Hutterian Brethren	605-239-4526	Mitchell

Rustic Acres Hutterian Brethren	605-256-0880	Madison
Shamrock Hutterian Brethren	605-352-6594	Carpenter
Spink Hutterian	605-472-1269	Frankfort
Spring Valley Hutterian Brethren	605-539-1361	Wessington Springs
Sunset Hutterian Brethren	605-448-2980	Britton
Thunderbird colony	605-598-4566	Faulkton
Tschetter (Huterian Brethern)	605-928-7430	Olivet
Upland Htt Breth	605-996-6953	Artesian
White Rock Hutttn Breth	605-537-4837	Rosholt
Wolf Creek Hutterian Brethren	605-925-7253	Olivet

<u>WASHINGTON</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Marlin Hutterian Brethren	509-345-2390	Marlin
Spokane Hutterian Brethren	509-299-5400	Reardan
Stahl Hutterian Brethren	509-659-0108	Ritzville
Warden Hutterian Brethren	509-349-8045	Warden

Notes:

- 1) The colony names are listed as they appear in the EWG farm subsidy database. Colony names that appear to be misspelled are listed this way in the database.
- 2) The following colonies are not listed because either the name does not appear to be a confirmed Hutterite colony or I have not been able to find a phone number for the colony. All of these colonies are receiving USDA farm subsidies as of 2006.
  - a) Camrose Hutterian Brethren - Frankfort, SD
  - b) East Butte Farms - Galata, MT
  - c) Elk Water Hutterian Brethren - Lake Benton, MN
  - d) Grand Valley Hutterian - Forbes, ND
  - e) Haven Hutterian Brethren - Dexter, MN
  - f) Milford Hutterian Brethren - Huron, SD
  - g) Rosenfeld Hutterian Brethren - Forbes, ND
  - h) Schoonover Farms - Odessa, WA (509-982-2257)
  - i) Zenith colony - Cut Bank, MT
- 3) I found one Hutterite colony in Oregon. The colony is Stanfield Hutterian Brethren in Stanfield, Oregon. I could not find the colony listed in the EWG farm subsidy database and I could not find a phone number for the colony. The lack of information may be due to the colony still being under construction.

4) If searching for contact information try these different colony names:

Example: Ayers colony

a) Ayers colony

b) Ayers Hutterite colony

c) Ayers Hutterian Brethren

5) If searching for contact information check these websites:

a) [www.citysearch.com](http://www.citysearch.com)

b) [www.manta.com](http://www.manta.com)

c) [www.switchboard.com](http://www.switchboard.com)

d) [www.yellowbook.com](http://www.yellowbook.com)

e) [www.yellowpages.com](http://www.yellowpages.com)

6) A chart at the [hutterites.org](http://hutterites.org) website, in the 'Types of Hutterites' section, gives the number of colonies by state:

<u>MN</u>	<u>MT</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>WA</u>
9	50	6	1	54	5

From my research, I have been able to find the following number of colonies:

<u>MN</u>	<u>MT</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>WA</u>
8	52	8	1	54	5

Contact information for Hutterite colonies from 'List in progress of Hutterite colonies - USA'

Notes:

- I have established the colony name as a corrected version of the colony name from the EWG farm subsidy database. For example, Clark Hutt Breth will appear as Clark Hutterian Brethren.
- The contact information is from the website [www.manta.com], and includes the phone number and mailing address.
- Some of the alternative colony names may appear to be misspelled but this is the way the colony name is listed at the website. For example, the word 'Brethren' may be listed as 'Brethen', 'Bretheran', 'Bretheren', or 'Brethern'.
- For some colonies that I was not able to find a colony name match at the website, I have given a name that may give matching contact information. For example, Hutterite colonies are known to have a colony school at the colony location.
- I could not find contact information at the website for some of the colonies, so refer to the colony phone number from the 'List in progress of Hutterite colonies - USA'.

Minnesota

Big Stone Hutterian Brethren  
(try Big Stone Colony School)  
ph: 320-748-7117  
mailing address:  
601 E 1st St  
Graceville, MN 56240-7724

Elmendorf Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 507-427-2283  
mailing address:  
42668 600th Ave  
Mountain Lake, MN 56159-2058

Heartland Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 507-368-9589  
mailing address:  
2171 100th Ave  
Lake Benton, MN 56149-1122

Lismore Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 320-325-5485  
mailing address:  
80391 County Road 60  
Clinton, MN 56225-5081

Spring Prairie Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 218-498-0222  
mailing address:

6189 170th St N  
Hawley, MN 56549-9094

Starland Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 507-834-6915  
mailing address:  
59917 236th St  
Gibbon, MN 55335-3015

Montana

Ayers Ranch colony  
ph: (refer to) 406-428-2362  
mailing address:  
7 Miles W  
Grass Range, MT 59032

Big Sky colony  
ph: 406-336-3690  
mailing address:  
1657 Meriwether  
Cut Bank, MT 59427-9113

Big Stone colony (Big Stone Colony Incorporated)  
ph: 406-736-5401  
mailing address:  
10 Miles S Of Great Fls  
Sand Coulee, MT 59472

Birch Creek colony (not listed)

Camrose colony  
ph: 406-398-5355  
mailing address:  
26 Camrose Colony Ln  
Ledger, MT 59456-9070

Cascade colony  
ph: 406-264-5265  
mailing address:  
508 Birdtail Creek Rd  
Sun River, MT 59483-9717

Deerfield colony (Hutterian Brethren Of Deerfield As A Church)  
ph: 406-538-7824  
mailing address:  
705 Deerfield Rd  
Lewistown, MT 59457-2236

Duncan Ranch colony  
(try Duncan Ranch Colony School)  
ph: 406-632-5700  
mailing address:  
Highway 12  
Harlowton, MT 59036

Eagle Creek colony  
ph: 406-432-2581  
mailing address:  
Galata, MT 59444

East End colony  
ph: 406-398-5355  
mailing address:  
55601 Shepard Rd  
Havre, MT 59501

East Malta Hutterian Brethren (East Malta Colony)  
ph: 406-654-2795  
mailing address:  
1089 E Colony Rd  
Malta, MT 59538

Elk Creek colony (not listed)

Fairhaven colony  
ph: 406-866-3350  
mailing address:  
124 Fairhaven Rd 7 Miles (try Fairhaven Rd instead of Fairhaven Rd)  
Ulm, MT 59485

Fords Creek colony  
ph: 406-428-2350  
mailing address:  
14 Miles Nw  
Grass Range, MT 59032

Forty Mile colony  
ph: 406-639-2981  
mailing address:  
County Road 97  
Lodge Grass, MT 59050

Gildford Hutterian Brethren (Gildford Colony)  
ph: 406-376-3105



mailing address:  
16 Miles N  
Gildford, MT 59525

Glacier colony  
ph: 406-336-2622  
mailing address:  
18 Miles Ne  
Cut Bank, MT 59427

Glendale colony  
ph: 406-336-2634  
mailing address:  
2151 Chalk Butte  
Cut Bank, MT 59427-9101

Golden Valley colony  
ph: 406-568-2210  
mailing address:  
2 Mt Highway 300  
Ryegate, MT 59074

Hartland colony  
ph: 406-398-5350  
mailing address:  
2105 Woodpile Rd  
Havre, MT 59501-7803

Hidden Lake colony  
ph: 406-336-3695  
mailing address:  
100 Welsh Rd  
Cut Bank, MT 59427-9211

Hilldale colony  
ph: 406-398-5342  
mailing address:  
59501 Cottonwood Rd  
Havre, MT 59501

Hillside colony  
ph: 406-937-2966  
mailing address:  
2204 Loop Rd  
Sweetgrass, MT 59484

Horizon colony (not listed)

King Ranch colony (King Colony Ranch, King Colony)

ph: 406-538-9835

mailing address:

Hwy 87 W

Lewistown, MT 59457

Kingsbury colony

ph: 406-472-3304

mailing address:

600 Kingsbury Colony Rd

Valier, MT 59486-5461

Loring Hutterian Brethren (Loring Colony)

ph: 406-674-5227

mailing address:

6888 Turner Cutacross Rd

Loring, MT 59537-9505

Martinsdale colony (not listed)

Midway colony (not listed)

Milford colony

ph: 406-562-3533

mailing address:

Hwy 287

Wolf Creek, MT 59648

Miller colony

ph: 406-466-2339

mailing address:

5130 Us Highway 89

Choteau, MT 59422-9234

Mountain View colony

ph: 406-667-2291

mailing address:

14435 Oswald Rd

Broadview, MT 59015-9715

New Miami colony

ph: 406-472-3310

mailing address:

400 New Miami Colony Rd

Conrad, MT 59425-9321

New Rockport colony

(try New Rockport Colony School)

ph: 406-466-5532

mailing address:

200 18th Rd Nw

Choteau, MT 59422-9107

North Harlem colony (Hutterian Brethren North Harlem Colony)

ph: 406-353-4617

mailing address:

55 Lilac Loop

Harlem, MT 59526-8101

Pleasant Valley colony

ph: 406-736-5204

mailing address:

734 Mccoy Rd

Belt, MT 59412-8247

Pondera colony

ph: 406-279-3629

mailing address:

300 Pondera Colony Rd

Valier, MT 59486-5444

Prairie Elk Hutterian Brethren

(Prairie Elk Colony 2nd Line Incorporated)

ph: 406-525-3030

mailing address:

1436 Antenna Hwy 528

Wolf Point, MT 59201

Rimrock colony

ph: 406-937-3045

mailing address:

12 Miles W

Sunburst, MT 59482

Riverview colony

ph: 406-456-3338

mailing address:

Hwy 223

Chester, MT 59522

Rockport colony

ph: 406-469-2284

mailing address:

7 Mi W

Pendroy, MT 59467

Sage Creek colony

ph: 406-292-3590

mailing address:

Hc 83

Chester, MT 59522

Seville colony

ph: 406-336-2430

mailing address:

10 Miles W On Hwy 2

Cut Bank, MT 59427

Spring Creek colony

(try Spring Creek Colony Sd 104)

ph: 406-538-3136

mailing address:

712 W Main St

Lewistown, MT 59457-2562

Springdale colony

ph: 406-547-3449

mailing address:

770 Birky Rd

Wht Sphr Spgs, MT 59645-9503 (try White Sulphur Springs, MT)

Springwater colony

ph: 406-632-4783

mailing address:

14 Springwater Land

Harlowton, MT 59036

Sunny Brook colony (Sunnybrook Colony)

ph: 406-456-3338

mailing address:

Chester, MT 59522

Surprise Creek colony

ph: 406-566-2669

mailing address:

5 Miles West Of Stanford

Stanford, MT 59479

Turner Hutterian Brethren (Turner Colony)

ph: 406-379-2340

mailing address:

285 Northern Breeze Drive  
Turner, MT 59542-9616

Twin Hills colony  
ph: 406-734-5216  
mailing address:  
4177 Beaverslide Rd  
Carter, MT 59420-8228

North Dakota

Fairview Hutterian Association (Fairview Hutterian Brethern Assn)  
ph: 701-883-4457  
mailing address:  
9644 74th St Se  
Lamoure, ND 58458-9038

Forest River colony (not listed)

Maple River Hutterian Brethren  
(Maple River Hutterian Brethren Association, Maple River Colony)  
ph: 701-375-6231  
mailing address:  
9262 93rd Ave Se  
Fullerton, ND 58441-9774

Spring Creek Hutterian  
(Spring Creek Hutterian Brethren, Spring Creek Colony)  
ph: 605-358-8811  
mailing address:  
36562 102nd St  
Forbes, ND 58439-9027

Sundale Hutterian Brethren (Sundale Hutterian Association)  
ph: 701-427-5897  
mailing address:  
14126 75th St Se  
Milnor, ND 58060

Willow Bank Hutterian Association  
(Willowbank Hutterian Brethren Association)  
ph: 701-493-2350  
mailing address:  
8827 76th St Se  
Edgeley, ND 58433-9591

South Dakota

Blumengard colony

ph: 605-324-3243  
mailing address:  
35075 148th St  
Faulkton, SD 57438-5306

Bon Homme Hutterian Brethren (Bon Homme Colony)  
ph: 605-463-2422  
mailing address:  
31232 Colony Rd  
Tabor, SD 57063-6503

Brentwood colony (Brentwood Hutterian Brethren)  
ph: 605-598-4589  
mailing address:  
15442 343rd Ave  
Faulkton, SD 57438-5900

Cedar Grove Hutterian Brethren  
(Cedar Grove Hutterian Breth, Cedar Grove Colony)  
ph: 605-337-3038  
mailing address:  
36926 266th St  
Platte, SD 57369-7103

Clark Hutterian Brethren (Clark Colony)  
ph: 605-532-3396  
mailing address:  
41181 179th St  
Raymond, SD 57258-7400

Clarmont Hutterian Brethren (Claremont Colony)  
ph: 605-793-2355  
mailing address:  
46271 184th St  
Castlewood, SD 57223-5332

Clearfield Hutterian Brethren (Clearfield Colony)  
ph: 605-779-2711  
mailing address:  
40248 293rd St  
Delmont, SD 57330-6908

Deerfield Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-439-3258  
mailing address:  
12434 364th Ave  
Ipswich, SD 57451-5606

Evergreen colony (Ever Green Hutterian Brethren)

ph: 605-324-3303

mailing address:

35691 156th St

Faulkton, SD 57438-6106

Fordham Hutterian Brethren (Fordham Colony)

ph: 605-532-3585

mailing address:

533 Fordham Dr

Carpenter, SD 57322-2101

Glendale Hutterian Brethren (Glendale Colony)

ph: 605-472-0772

mailing address:

17866 Glendale Dr

Frankfort, SD 57440-7201

Gracevale Hutterian Brethren (Gracevale Colony)

ph: 605-256-3100

mailing address:

23843 446a Ave

Winfred, SD 57076-7046

Grass Land Hutterian Brethren (Grass Land Httm Brthrn Clny)

ph: 605-439-3221

mailing address:

11865 370th Ave

Westport, SD 57481-8105

Grass Ranch Hutterian Brethren (Grass Ranch Colony)

ph: 605-778-6777

mailing address:

36570 258th St

Kimball, SD 57355-7100

Greenwood Hutterian Brethren (Greenwood Colony)

ph: 605-779-5221

mailing address:

28781 402nd Ave

Delmont, SD 57330-5911

Hillcrest Hutterian Brethren

ph: 605-532-5700

mailing address:

1004 Hillcrest Dr

Garden City, SD 57236-2108

Hillside Hutterian Brethren (Hillside Colony)

ph: 605-635-6363

mailing address:

18248 Hillside Ln

Doland, SD 57436-7405

Huron Hutterian Brethren

(Huron Hutterian Mutual Society, Huron Colony)

ph: 605-352-5647

mailing address:

40068 Huron Colony Ln

Huron, SD 57350-8001

Huttenville Hutterian Brethren (Huttenville Colony)

ph: 605-395-6580

mailing address:

14625 401st Ave

Stratford, SD 57474-7204

Jamesville colony (Jamesville Hutterian Brethren)

ph: 605-364-7307

mailing address:

43582 Ne Jim River Rd

Utica, SD 57067-5103

Lakeview Hutterian Brethren

ph: 605-487-7992

mailing address:

28748 386th Ave

Lake Andes, SD 57356-6730

Long Lake Hutterian Brethren

ph: 605-439-3410

mailing address:

36848 123rd St

Wetoka, SD 57481-8104

Maxwell colony (Maxwell Hutterian Brethren)

ph: 605-583-2861

mailing address:

42805 Maxwell Rd

Scotland, SD 57059-7200

Mayfield Hutterian Brethren (Mayfield Colony)

ph: 605-625-3307



mailing address:  
43188 Mayfield Rd  
Willow Lake, SD 57278-5401

Millerdale Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-853-3908  
mailing address:  
35350 206th St  
Miller, SD 57362-6703

Newdale Hutterian Brethren (not listed)

New Elm Spring colony (New Elm Springs Hutterian Brethren)  
ph: 605-928-3254  
mailing address:  
41844 269th St  
Ethan, SD 57334-5206

Newport Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-294-5885  
mailing address:  
11796 414th Ave  
Claremont, SD 57432-5808

Norfeld Hutterian Brethren (not listed)

Oaklane Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-825-4293  
mailing address:  
26730 423rd Ave  
Alexandria, SD 57311-7110

Old Elm Spring colony (Old Elm Hutterian Brethren Spring Colony)  
ph: 605-239-4693  
mailing address:  
42021 268th St  
Parkston, SD 57366-5206

Orland Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-363-5338  
mailing address:  
45050 246th St  
Montrose, SD 57048-5306

Pearl Creek colony (Pearl Creek Hutterian Brethren)  
ph: 605-546-2452  
mailing address:

21085 415th Ave  
Iroquois, SD 57353-6705

Pembrook Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-426-6501  
mailing address:  
35955 139th St  
Ipswich, SD 57451-7103

Plainview Hutterian Brethren  
(Plainview Hutterian Bretheran, Plainsview Colony)  
ph: 605-426-6476  
mailing address:  
12465 359th Ave  
Leola, SD 57456-5500

Platte Hutterian Brethren (Platte Hutterian Brethern, Platte Colony)  
ph: 605-726-3142  
mailing address:  
35271 270th St  
Platte, SD 57369-6007

Pleasant Valley colony  
(Pleasant Valley Colony Of Hutterian Brethren)  
ph: 605-997-3306  
mailing address:  
22941 487th Ave  
Flandreau, SD 57028-6635

Poinsett Hutterian Brethren (Poinsett Colony)  
ph: 605-873-2630  
mailing address:  
46527 189th St  
Estelline, SD 57234-5707

Riverside Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 605-352-7462  
mailing address:  
40361 200th St  
Huron, SD 57350-6208

Rockport Hutterian Brethren (Rockport Colony)  
ph: 605-239-4422  
mailing address:  
26209 Rockport Rd  
Alexandria, SD 57311-7207

Rolland Hutterian Brethren (Roland Hutterian Brethren)

ph: 605-693-4425

mailing address:

48088 210th St

White, SD 57276-6613

Rosedale Hutterian Brethren (Rosedale Colony)

ph: 605-239-4226

mailing address:

25986 Rosedale Rd

Mitchell, SD 57301-7515

Rustic Acres Hutterian Brethren (Rustic Acres Hutterian Brethren)

ph: 605-256-0880

mailing address:

24243 456th Ave

Madison, SD 57042-7212

Shamrock Hutterian Brethren

ph: 605-352-6594

mailing address:

19087 413th Ave

Carpenter, SD 57322-8200

Spink Hutterian

(try Spink Colony Elementary School)

ph: 605-596-4171

mailing address:

18206 Spink Ln

Frankfort, SD 57440-7207

Spring Valley Hutterian Brethren

(Spring Valley Hutterian Brethren, Spring Valley Colony Ranch)

ph: 605-539-1361

mailing address:

23064 365th Ave

Wessington Springs, SD 57382-5506

Sunset Hutterian Brethren (Sunset Colony)

ph: 605-448-2980

mailing address:

41632 109th St

Britton, SD 57430-5506

Thunderbird colony (not listed)

Tschetter Hutterian Brethren (Tschetter Hutterian Brethren Farming)

ph: 605-928-7430  
mailing address:  
27709 Tschetter Ave  
Olivet, SD 57052-5902

Upland Hutterian Brethren  
(try Upland Colony Hutterian Brudhan, Upland Colony School)  
ph: 605-996-7105  
mailing address:  
24221 412th Ave  
Artesian, SD 57314-6009

White Rock Hutterian Brethren (White Rock Hutterian Brethren)  
ph: 605-537-4837  
mailing address:  
47788 102nd St  
Rosholt, SD 57260-6422

Wolf Creek Hutterian Brethren (not listed)

Washington  
Marlin Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 509-345-2390  
mailing address:  
21344 Road 18 Ne  
Marlin, WA 98832-9748

Spokane Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 509-299-5400  
mailing address:  
3610 N Wood Rd  
Reardan, WA 99029-9619

Stahl Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 509-659-0108  
mailing address:  
1485b N Hoffman Rd  
Ritzville, WA 99169-8723

Warden Hutterian Brethren  
ph: 509-349-8045  
mailing address:  
1054 W Harder Rd  
Warden, WA 98857-9650

Additional Hutterite colonies for 'List in progress of Hutterite colonies - USA'  
(all of the colonies listed are receiving USDA farm subsidies as of 2006)

<u>MINNESOTA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Altona Hutterian Brethren	507-248-3191	Henderson
Big Stone Hutterian Brethren II	---	Graceville
Neuhof Hutterian Brethren	507-427-2500	Mountain Lake
Sandy Rivers Hutterian Brethren I	---	Lamberton

<u>MONTANA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Kilby Butte Hutterian Brethren	406-323-3547	Roundup

<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Homestead Hutterian Brthn Assoc	---	Fullerton
Rosenfeld Hutterian Brethren	---	Forbes

<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Belle Plaine Hutterian Brethren I	---	Doland
Belle Prairie Hutterian Brethren	---	Iroquois
Belmont Hutterian Brethren	---	Frankfort
Cameron Hutterian Brethren	---	Mitchell
Camrose Hutterian Brethren	---	Frankfort
Grant Hutt Brethren	---	Ipswich
Lamar Hutterian Brethren	---	Carpenter
Logan Hutterian Brethren	---	Clark
Maple Leaf Hutterian Brethren	---	Arlington
Midland Hutterian Brethren	---	Stratford
Milford Hutterian Brethren	---	Huron
Oak Valley Hutterian Brethren	---	Frankfort
Red Willow Hutterian Brethren	---	Huron
Rolling Prairie Hb	---	Miller
Rosette Hutterian Brethren	---	Ipswich
Sandy Lane Hutterian Brethren	---	Britton
Setting Sun Hutterian Brethren	---	Delmont
Shannon Hutterian Brethren	605-772-4270	Winfred
Silver Fox Hutterian Brethren	---	Frankfort
Spring Lake colony	605-482-8384	Arlington
Westwood Hutterian Brethren	---	Britton

WASHINGTON  
Schoonover Farms

PHONE NUMBER  
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LOCATION  
Odessa

Notes:

- 1) The colony names are listed as they appear in the EWG farm subsidy database. Colony names that appear to be misspelled are listed this way in the database.
- 2) Phone numbers that are not listed were not found in a phone directory. The colonies with a unlisted phone number are receiving USDA farm subsidies as of 2006.
- 3) If searching for USDA farm subsidy information in the EWG farm subsidy database, try these colony names for the following colonies:
  - a) Sandy Rivers Hutterian Brethren I - Lamberton, MN  
Try the name: sandy rivers
  - b) Homestead Hutterian Brthn Assoc - Fullerton, ND  
Try the name: homestead
  - c) Belle Plaine Hutterian Brethren I - Doland, SD  
Try the name: belle plaine
  - d) Belle Prairie Hutterian Brethren - Iroquois, SD  
Try the name: belle prairie

Contact information for additional Hutterite colonies for 'List in progress of Hutterite colonies - USA'

Notes:

- I have established the colony name as a corrected version of the colony name from the EWG farm subsidy database. For example, Grant Hutt Brethren will appear as Grant Hutterian Brethren.
- The contact information is from the website [www.implu.com] and [www.manta.com]. The contact information includes the phone number, if found, and mailing address.
- Schoonover Farms in Odessa, WA, may not appear to be a Hutterite colony but the business profile at the website [www.manta.com] gives Schoonover Farms a alternative name of Schoonover Hutterian Brethren.

#### Minnesota

Altona Hutterian Brethren

ph: 507-248-3191

mailing address:

35227 290th St

Henderson, MN 56044-3447

Big Stone Hutterian Brethren II

(try Mike J Hofen & Sam Wollman Etal Ptr Big Stone Hutterian Brethren Inc)

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

75217 Colony Rd

West Graceville, MN 56240-0000

Neuhof Hutterian Brethren

ph: 507-427-2500

mailing address:

40394 570th Ave

Mountain Lake, MN 56159-2008

Sandy Rivers Hutterian Brethren I

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

29424 US Highway 14

Lamberton, MN 56152-2200

#### Montana

Kilby Butte Hutterian Brethren (Kilby Butte Colony)

ph: 406-323-3547

mailing address:

17920 US Highway 12 E

Roundup, MT 59072-6431

North Dakota

Homestead Hutterian Brethren Association

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

9260 93rd Ave SE

Fullerton, ND

Rosenfeld Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

36560 102nd St

Forbes, ND 58439-0000

South Dakota

Belle Plaine Hutterian Brethren I

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

18248 Hillside Ln

Doland, SD 57436-7405

Belle Prairie Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

21085 415th Ave

Iroquois, SD 57353-6705

Belmont Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

17872 Glendale Dr

Frankfort, SD 57440-7201

Cameron Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

25990 Rosedale Rd

Mitchell, SD 57301-7515

Camrose Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

17870 Glendale Dr

Frankfort, SD 57440-7201

Grant Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:



12434 364th Ave  
Ipswich, SD 57451-5606

Lamar Hutterian Brethren  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
510 Fordham Dr  
Carpenter, SD 57322-2100

Logan Hutterian Brethren  
(EWG farm subsidy database information lists Logan Hutterian Brethren in Clark, SD.  
Website [www.implu.com] lists Logan Hutterian Brethren in Raymond, SD)  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
41183 179th St  
Raymond, SD 57258-7400

Maple Leaf Hutterian Brethren  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
21727 452nd Ave  
Arlington, SD 57212-7309

Midland Hutterian Brethren  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
14625 401st Ave  
Stratford, SD 57474-7204

Milford Hutterian Brethren  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
19875 403rd Ave  
Huron, SD 57350-5700

Oak Valley Hutterian Brethren  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
17868 Glendale Dr  
Frankfort, SD 57440-7201

Red Willow Hutterian Brethren  
ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
40361 200th St  
Huron, SD 57350-6208

Rolling Prairie Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

35348 206th St

Miller, SD 57362-0000

Rosette Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

PO Box 341

Ipswich, SD 57451-0341

Sandy Lane Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

PO Box 46

Britton, SD 57430-0046

Setting Sun Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

40248 293rd St

Delmont, SD 57330-6908

Shannon Hutterian Brethren

(Shannon Hutterian Brethren Incorporated, Shannon Colony)

ph: (refer to) 605-772-4270

mailing address:

43945 Hwy 34

Winfred, SD 57076-0000

Silver Fox Hutterian Brethren

ph: unlisted

mailing address:

18204 Spink Lane

Frankfort, SD 57440-0000

Spring Lake colony (Springlake Hutterian Brethren)

ph: 605-482-8384

mailing address:

21727 452nd Ave

Arlington, SD 57212-7309

Westwood Hutterian Brethren

(EWG farm subsidy database information lists Westwood Hutterian Brethren in Britton, SD.

Website [[www.implu.com](http://www.implu.com)] lists Westwood Hutterian Brethren in Claremont, SD)

ph: unlisted  
mailing address:  
11796 414th Ave  
Claremont, SD 57432-5808

Washington

Schoonover Farms (Schoonover Hutterian Brethren)  
ph: 509-982-2257  
mailing address:  
2194 N Schoonover Rd  
Odessa, WA 99159-9729

# Hutterite Place Names in North America: Dariusleut Colonies List (1973) by John A. Hostetler

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**Background** The "87 Dariusleut Colonies" list presented below represents the second of three sections  
of Appendix Fifteen "*Hutterite Society*" as of the last year reported by Hostetler in the first edition of his  
book. The last list -- the "65 Leherleut Colonies" -- will be posted soon.

At the time of Hostetler's first edition (1973-1974) he reported there were 229 Hutterite colonies in  
North America. He estimated they contained about 20,000 Hutterites. A 1996 estimate on the Internet  
states at least 400 colonies now exist with an average of 90 members per colony for a total of between  
36,000 and 40,000 Hutteries.

An unknown number of other Hutterites in North America left communal life to become "Prairieleuts". They will not be found in the records of these groups of colonies, nor is a Juliusleut group in Ontario, Canada where relationships with about forty persons of the Enz family were severed in the early 1950's.

Also a related "Society of Brothers" (SOB), a "Buderhof" splinter group founded in Germany in 1920 by Eberhard Arnold (1883-1935) that spent some time in Paraguay is not included in this lists. In 1974 there were the SOB communities of Woodcrest in Rifton, NY, Oak Lane (became New Meadow Run) in Farmington Pennsylvania, Evergreen in Norfolk, Connecticut and Darvell at Robertsbridge, Sussex, England.

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**Year Founded ... Colony Name ... Location: City (County) State/Province ... Parent Colony**

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1874-1875 ... Silver Lake, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... From Hutterdorf, Taurida, Ukraine  
 1875-1930 ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Silver Lake, South Dakota  
 1886-1918 ... Jamesville, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1890-1918 ... Kutter, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1893-1905 ... Dominion City, Manitoba ... Extinct (MB) ... Kutter, South Dakota  
 1905-1918 ... Beadle, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1905-1918 ... Spink, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1906-1918 ... Richards, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1912-1920 ... Spring Creek, Montana ... (Reestablished 1946) ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1913-1918 ... Warren Range, Montana ... Extinct (Carbon County)? MT ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota  
 1918-1929 ... Raley, Alberta ... (Moved to West Raley) AL ... Beadle, South Dakota  
 1918 ..... East Cardston, Alberta ... Cardston, AL ... Warren Range, Montana  
 1918 ..... Rosebud, Alberta ... Redlands, AL ... Kutter, South Dakota  
 1918 ..... Springvale, Alberta ... Rockyford, AL ... Jamesville, South Dakota  
 1918 ..... Standoff, Alberta ... Fort McLeod, AL ... Spink, South Dakota  
 1918 ..... Wilson Siding, Alberta ... Lethbridge, AL ... Richards, South Dakota  
 1919 ..... Stahlville, Alberta ... Rockyford, AL ... Spring Creek, Montana  
 1920-1935 ... Beadle, South Dakota ... Extinct (SD) ... Spring Creek, Montana  
 1924 ..... New York, Alberta ... Maybitt, AL ... Raley, Alberta  
 1925 ..... Ewelme, Alberta ... Fort McLeod, AL ... East Cardston, Alberta  
 1926 ..... Felger, Alberta ... Lethbridge, AL ... Beadle, South Dakota  
 1926 ..... New Rosebud, Alberta ... Beisker, AL ... Rosebud, Alberta  
 1927 ..... Pincher Creek, Alberta ... Pincher Creek, AL ... Felger, Alberta  
 1929 ..... West Raley, Alberta ... Cardston, AL ... Raley, Alberta  
 1930 ..... Granum, Alberta ... Granum, AL ... Standoff, Alberta  
 1930 ..... Wolf Creek, Alberta ... Stirling, AL ... Wolf Creek, South Dakota

1933 ..... Riverside, Alberta ... Fort McLeod, AL ... Standoff, Alberta  
 1935 ..... King Ranch, Montana ... Lewistown (Fergus) MT ... Beadle, South Dakota  
 1935 ..... Lakeside, Alberta ... Cranford, AL ... Wolf Creek, Alberta  
 1936 ..... Cayley\*, Alberta... Cayley\*, AL ... West Raley, Alberta  
 1936 ..... Sandhills, Alberta ... Beisker, AL ... Springvale, Alberta  
 1939 ..... Thompson, Alberta ... Glenwood, AL ... East Cardston, Alberta  
 1944 ..... Fairview, Alberta ... Crossfield, AL ... New Rosebud, Alberta  
 1945 ..... Grass Range\*, Montana ... Grass Range\* (Fergus) MT ... King Ranch, Montana  
 1947 ..... Deerfield, Montana ... Danvers (Fergus) MT ... Wolf Creek, Alberta  
 1948 ..... Camrose, Alberta ... Camrose, AL ... Springvale, Alberta  
 1948 ..... Pine Hill, Alberta ... Ponoka, AL ... Lakeside, Alberta  
 1948 ..... Tschetter, Alberta ... Irricana, AL ... New Rosebud, Alberta  
 1949 ..... Ferrybank, Alberta ... Ponoka, AL ... Sandhills, Alberta  
 1949 ..... Holt, Alberta ... Irma, AL ... Granum, Alberta  
 1949 ..... Red Willow, Alberta ... Settler, AL ... Stahlville, Alberta  
 1953 ..... Leask, Saskatchewan ... Leask, SK ... Sandhills, Alberta  
 1953 ..... Pibroch, Alberta ... Pibroch, AL ... Wilson Siding, Alberta  
 1954 ..... Scotford, Alberta ... Fort Saskatchewan, AL ... New York, Alberta  
 1955 ..... Riverview, Saskatchewan ... Sutherland, SK ... Fairview, Alberta  
 1956 ..... Spring Creek, Saskatchewan ... Walsh, SK ... Lakeside, Alberta  
 1956 ..... Sunshine, Alberta ... Hussar, MB ... Caley\*\*\*, Alberta  
 1956 ..... Veteran, Alberta ... Veteran, AL ... West Raley, Alberta  
 1957 ..... O.B. (Ordens des Bruderhof?) ... Marwayne, AL ... Thompson, Alberta  
 1958 ..... Estuary, Saskatchewan ... Estuary, SK ... Riverside, Alberta  
 1958 ..... New Wolf Creek, Saskatchewan ... Maple Creek, SK ... Wolf Creek, Alberta  
 1959 ..... Huxley, Alberta ... Huxley, AL ... Stahlville, Alberta  
 1959 ..... Turner, Montana ... Turner (Blaine) MT ... Grass Range, Montana  
 1960 ..... Box Elder, Saskatchewan ... Walsh, SK ... Pinehill, Alberta  
 1960 ..... Espanola, Washington ... Reardan (Lincoln) WA ... Pincher Creek, Alberta  
 1960 ..... Mixburn, Alberta ... Mixburn, AL ... Holt, Alberta  
 1960 ..... Ribstone, Alberta ... Edgerton, AL ... Camrose, Alberta  
 1960 ..... Spring Point, Alberta ... Brockett, AL ... Granum, Alberta  
 1960 ..... West Bench, Saskatchewan ... Ravencrag, SK ... East Cardston, Alberta  
 1960 ..... Wolf Creek (North Harlem, MT) ... Harlem (Blaine) MT ... Deerfield, Montana  
 1961 ..... Cluny, Alberta ... Cluny, AL ... Tschetter, Alberta  
 1961 ..... Hillsvale, Saskatchewan ... Ballwinton, SK ... Springvale, Alberta  
 1961 ..... Simmie, Saskatchewan ... Simmie, SK ... New York, Alberta  
 1961 ..... Waterton, Alberta ... Waterton, AL ... Wilson Siding, Alberta  
 1962 ..... Athabaska, Alberta ... Athabaska, AL ... Rosebud, Alberta  
 1963 ..... Wilson Range, Montana ... Stanford (Judith) MT ... King Ranch, Montana  
 1964 ..... Bethune, Saskatchewan ... Bethune, SK ... Spring Creek, Saskatchewan  
 1964 ..... New Ferrybank, Alberta ... Warburg, AL ... Ferrybank, Alberta  
 1964 ..... Wildwood, Alberta ... Wildwood, AL ... Red Willow, Alberta  
 1964 ..... Dundurn, Saskatchewan ... Dundurn, SK ... Leask, Saskatchewan  
 1969 ..... Fort Pitt, Saskatchewan ... Frenchman Butte, SK...Ribstone, Alberta  
 1969 ..... Plain Lake, Alberta ... Two Hills, AL ... Scotford, Alberta  
 1969 ..... Pleasant Valley, Alberta ... Clive, AL ... Veteran, Alberta  
 1969 ..... Smokey Lake, Alberta ... Smokey Lake, AL ... New Rosebud, Alberta  
 1970 ..... Vegreville, Alberta ... Lavoy, AL ... Pibroch, Alberta  
 1971 ..... Hodgeville, Saskatchewan ... Hodgeville, SK ... Box Elder, Alberta  
 1971 ..... Morinville, Alberta ... Alcomdale, AL ... Sandhills, Alberta  
 1971 ..... New Raley, Alberta ... Turin, AL ... West Raley, Alberta  
 1971 ..... Valley View, Alberta ... Torrington, AL .. Huxley, Alberta  
 1971 ..... Holden, Alberta ... Holden, AL ... Caley\*\*\*, Alberta  
 1972 ..... Starland, Alberta ... Morin, AL ... Lakeside, Alberta  
 1972 ..... Sunshine Ranch, Alberta ... Hussar, AL ... Cayley\*, Alberta  
 1972 ..... Cameron Ranch, Alberta ... Turin, AL ... Ewelme, Alberta  
 1973 ..... Hughenden, Alberta ... Hughenden, AL ... Athabaska, Alberta  
 1973 ..... Barrens, Alberta ... Barrens, AL ... Granum, Alberta  
 1973 ..... Valley View, Alberta ... Valley View, AL ... Thompson, Alberta  
 1973 ..... Warden\*\*\*\*, Washington ... Warden, WA ... Espanola, Washington

\* "Cayley" (as spelled in *Hutterite Society*) is on a AAA Alberta map, located about 20 miles south of Calgary.

\*\* Spelled as one word - "Grassrange" - by the AAA Montana map.

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\*\*\*\* Spelled as "Warner" in *Hutterite Society*, and identified as "Warden" by Prof Hostetler of Willow Grove Pennsylvania during a telephone call with John Movius on 17 January 1997. (While a "Warner" exists in Alberta, Canada, no town of this name exists in Washington State.)

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**Year Founded ... Colony Name ... Location: City (County) State/Province ... Parent Colony**

(For prior periods, see *Hutterite Society* chapter "Life in Russia" [pages 91-118] for more detail.)

1877-1929 ...	Old Elmspring, South Dakota ...	Extinct (SD) ...	From the Ukraine
1888-1934 ...	Rockport, South Dakota ...	Extinct (SD) ...	Old Elmspring, South Dakota
1900-1918 ...	New Elmspring, South Dakota ...	Extinct (SD) ...	Old Elmspring, South Dakota
1910-1918 ...	Milford, South Dakota ...	Extinct (SD) ...	Old Elmspring, South Dakota
1918 .....	Milford, Alberta ...	Raymond, AL ...	Milford, South Dakota
1918 .....	New Elmspring, Alberta ...	Magrath, AL ...	New Elmspring, South Dakota
1918 .....	Old Elmspring, Alberta ...	Magrath, AL ...	Old Elmspring, South Dakota
1918 .....	Rockport, Alberta ...	Magrath, AL ...	Rockport, South Dakota
1920 .....	Big Bend, Alberta ...	Cardston, AL ...	New Elmspring, Alberta
1924 .....	Miami, Alberta ...	New Dayton, AL ...	Milford, Alberta
1929 .....	Elmspring, Alberta ...	Warner, AL ...	Old Elmspring, South Dakota
1932 .....	Hutterville, Alberta ...	Magrath, AL ...	Rockport, Alberta
1932 .....	New Rockport, Alberta ...	New Dayton, AL ...	Rockport, Alberta
1934 .....	O. K. Colony, Alberta ...	Raymond, AL ...	Rockport, South Dakota
1935 .....	Rock Lake, Alberta ...	Wrentham, AL ...	Old Elmspring, Alberta
1935 .....	Sunnyside, Alberta ...	Warner, AL ...	Elmspring, Alberta
1937 .....	Crystal Springs, Alberta ...	Magrath, AL ...	New Elmspring, Alberta
1937 .....	McMillan, Alberta ...	Cayley, AL ...	Big Bend, Alberta
1945 .....	Milford, Montana ...	Augusta (Lewis) MT ...	Milford, Alberta
1947 .....	Birch Creek, Montana ...	Valier (Toole) MT ...	New Elmspring, Alberta
1948 .....	Miami, Montana ...	Pendroy (Teton) MT ...	Miami, Alberta
1948 .....	New Rockport, Montana ...	Choteau (Teton) MT ...	New Rockport, Alberta
1948 .....	Rockport, Montana ...	Pendroy (Teton) MT ...	Rockport, Alberta
1949 .....	Bench, Saskatchewan ...	Shaunavon, SK ...	Old Elmspring, Alberta

1949 ..... Miller, Montana ... Choteau (Teton) MT ... O. K. Colony, Alberta  
 1950 ..... Glacier, Montana ... Cut Bank (Glacier) MT ... Elmspring, Alberta  
 1950 ..... Hillside, Montana ... Sweet Grass\* (Toole) MT ... Sunnyside, Alberta  
 1950 ..... Newdale, Alberta ... Milo, AL ... Rock Lake, Alberta  
 1951 ..... Winnifred, Alberta ... Medicine Hat, AL ... Milford, Alberta  
 1952 ..... Acadia, Alberta ... Oyen, AL ... Crystal Springs, Alberta  
 1952 ..... Cypress, Saskatchewan ... Maple Creek, SK ... Big Bend, Alberta  
 1952 ..... Tompkins, Saskatchewan ... Tompkins, SK ... New Elmspring, Alberta  
 1953 ..... Rosedale, Alberta ... Etzikom, AL ... Hutterville, Alberta  
 1955 ..... Springside, Alberta ... Duchess, AL ... New Rockport, Alberta  
 1956 ..... Handhills, Alberta ... Hanna, AL ... McMillan, Alberta  
 1959 ..... Martindale, Montana ... Martindale\*\* (Meagher) MT ... Miami, Montana  
 1960 ..... Springdale, Montana ... White Sulphur\*\*\* (Meagher) MT ... Milford, Montana  
 1961 ..... Sage Creek, Montana ... Chester (Liberty) MT ... Miller, Montana  
 1962 ..... Duncan Ranch, Montana ... Harlowton (Wheatland) MT ... Birch Creek, Montana  
 1962 ..... Newell, Alberta ... Bassano, AL ... O. K., Alberta  
 1963 ..... Glidden, Saskatchewan ... Glidden, SK ... Miami, Alberta  
 1963 ..... Main Centre, Saskatchewan ... Rush Lake, SK ... Rockport, Alberta  
 1963 ..... Hildale, Montana ... Havre (Hill) MT ... Rockport, Montana  
 1963 ..... Rimrock, Montana ... Sunburst (Toole) MT ... Hillside, Montana  
 1963 ..... Waldeck, Saskatchewan ... Swift Current, SK ... Elmspring, Alberta  
 1964 ..... Bow City, Alberta ... Brooks, AL ... Elmspring, Alberta  
 1965 ..... Castor, Alberta ... Castor, AL ... Hutterville, Alberta  
 1965 ..... South Bend, Alberta ... Alliance, AL ... Winnifred, Alberta  
 1967 ..... Haven, Saskatchewan ... Fox Valley, SK ... Acadia, Alberta  
 1968 ..... Baildon, Saskatchewan ... Moose Jaw, SK ... Springside, Alberta  
 1968 ..... Brandt, Alberta ... Brant, AL ... Rock Lake, Alberta  
 1968 ..... Smiley, Saskatchewan ... Smiley, SK ... New Rockport, Montana  
 1969 ..... Cascade, Montana ... Fort Shaw (Cascade) MT ... Glacier, Montana  
 1969 ..... Glendale, Montana ... Cut Bank (Glacier) MT ... New Rockport, Alberta  
 1969 ..... Huron, Saskatchewan ... Brownlee, SK ... Big Bend Alberta  
 1970 ..... Kyle, Saskatchewan ... Kyle, SK ... Rosedale, Alberta  
 1970 ..... Roseglen, Alberta ... Hilda, AL ... Crystal Springs, Alberta  
 1970 ..... Rosetown, Saskatchewan ... Rosetown, SK ... Milford, Alberta  
 1971 ..... Abbey, Saskatchewan ... Abbey, SK ... Tompkins, Saskatchewan  
 1971 ..... Clearspring, Saskatchewan ... Keneston, SK ... Bench, Saskatchewan  
 1972 ..... Parkland, Alberta ... Parkland, AL ... Macillan, Alberta  
 1972 ..... Verdant Valley, Alberta ... Drumheller, AL ... Handhills, Alberta  
 1973 ..... Provost, Alberta ... Provost, AL ... O. K., Alberta  
 1973 ..... Messleigh, Alberta ... Messleigh, AL ... Newdale, Alberta  
 1973 ..... Grassy Lake, Alberta ... Grassy Lake, AL ... New Elm Spring, Alberta

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**Year Founded ... Colony Name ... Location: City (County) State/Province ... Parent Colony**

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The Hutterites came from Romania in 1770 to a private estate at Vishenka on the Desno River in Tchernigov province Russia (now the Ukraine). They moved a short distance upstream to crownland at Radichev in 1802. In 1842 they relocated to the south near Mennonite colonies northwest of the Sea of Azov in Taurida province.

1879 ..... Hutterdorf, South Russia ... Hutterdorf, Taurida, Ukraine ... Radichev, Tchernigov, Ukraine

1868 ..... Scheromet (Scherebez), Russia ... Scheromet, Taurida, Ukraine ... Hutterdorf, Ukraine

(See the *Hutterite Society* chapter "Life in Russia" [pages 91-118] for more detail)

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1874 ..... Bon Homme, South Dakota ... Tabor ... Bon Homme ... SD ... Scheromet, Ukraine

1878-1884 ... Tripp, South Dakota ... Extinct ... Hutchinson ... SD ... Bon Homme, SD

1884-1886 ... Tidioute, Pennsylvania ... Extinct ... PA ... Tripp, SD

1886-1907 ... Milltown, South Dakota ... Extinct ... Hutchinson ... SD ... Tidioute, PA

1900-1918 ... Maxwell, South Dakota ... Extinct ... ? ... SD ... Bon Homme

1900-1918 ... Rosedale, South Dakota ... Extinct ... ? ... SD ... Milltown, SD

1906-1918 ... Huron, South Dakota ... Extinct ... Beadle ... SD ... Bon Homme

1907-1913 ... Buffalo, South Dakota ... Extinct ... ? ... SD ... Milltown, SD

1913-1918 ... James Valley, South Dakota ... Extinct ... ? ... SD ... Buffalo, SD

1918 ..... Bon Homme, Manitoba ... Elie, MB ... Bon Homme, SD

1918 ..... Huron, Manitoba ... Elie, MB ... Huron, SD

1918 ..... James Valley, Manitoba ... Elie, MB ... James Valley, SD

1918 ..... Maxwell, Manitoba ... Headingly, MB ... Maxwell, SD

1918 ..... Milltown, Manitoba ... Bernard, MB ... Milltown, SD

1918 ..... (Old) Rosedale, Manitoba ... Elie, MB... Rosedale, SD

1919 ..... Iberville, Manitoba... Headingly, MB ... (Old) Rosedale, Manitoba

1920 ..... Barickman, Manitoba ... Headingly, MB ... Maxwell, Manitoba

1922 ..... Blumengart, Manitoba ... Plum Coulee, MB... Milltown, Manitoba

1929-1937 ... Roseisle, Manitoba ... Extinct ... MB ... Huron, Manitoba

1932-1936 ... Alsask, Manitoba ... Extinct ... MB ... Maxwell, Manitoba

1934-1936 ... Teuton, Manitoba ... Extinct ... MB ... Barickman, Manitoba  
1934 ..... Elm River, Manitoba ... Newton, MB ... Old Rosedale, Manitoba  
1934 ..... Riverside, Manitoba ... Arden, MB ... Iberville, Manitoba  
1934 ..... Rockport, South Dakota ... Alexandria (Davidson) SD ... Bon Homme, Manitoba  
1934 ..... Waldheim, Manitoba ... Elie, MB ... Bon Homme, Manitoba  
1936 ..... New Elmspring, South Dakota ... Ethan (Davidson) SD ... Alsask, Manitoba  
1937 ..... Jamesville, South Dakota ... Utica (Yankton) SD ... Roseisle, Manitoba  
1938 ..... Poplar Point, Manitoba ... Poplar Point, MB ... Huron, Manitoba  
1938 ..... Sturgeon Creek, Manitoba ... Headingly, MB ... Blumengart, Manitoba  
1942 ..... Sunnyside, Manitoba ... Newton, MB ... Milltown, Manitoba  
1942 ..... Tschetter, South Dakota ... Olivet (Hutchinson) SD ... Barickman, Manitoba  
1944 ..... Huron, South Dakota ... Huron (Beadle) SD ... Jameville, South Dakota  
1944 ..... New Rosedale, Manitoba ... Portage La Prairie, MB ... Old Rosedale, Manitoba  
1945 ..... Rosedale, South Dakota ... Mitchell (Davidson) SD ... Rockport, South Dakota  
1945 ..... Spink, South Dakota ... Frankford\* (Spink) SD ... Bon Homme, South Dakota  
1946 ..... Lakeside, Manitoba ... Headingly, MB ... Maxwell, Manitoba  
1946 ..... Riverdale, Manitoba ... Gladstone, MB ... James Valley, Manitoba  
1947 ..... Rock Lake, Manitoba ... Gross Isle, MB ... Iberville, Manitoba  
1948 ..... Gracevale, South Dakota ... Winfred (Lake) SD ... Tschetter, South Dakota  
1949 ..... Glendale, South Dakota ... Frankford\* (Spink) SD ... Frankford, South Dakota  
1949 ..... Maxwell, South Dakota ... Scotland (Bon Homme) SD ... New Elmspring, South Dakota  
1949 ..... Millerdale, South Dakota ... Miller (Hand) SD ... Milltown, Manitoba  
1949 ..... Pearl Creek, South Dakota ... Iroquois (Kingsbury) SD ... Huron, South Dakota  
1949 ..... Platte, South Dakota ... Academy (Gregory) SD ... Bon Homme, Manitoba  
1949 ..... Riverside, South Dakota ... Huron (Beadle) SD ... Rockport, South Dakota  
1950 ..... Forest River, North Dakota ... Fordville (Walsh) ND ... New Rosedale, Manitoba  
1950 ..... Springfield, Manitoba ... Anola, MB ... Poplar Point, Manitoba  
1952 ..... Blumengart, South Dakota ... Wecota (Faulk) SD ... Blumengart, Manitoba  
1952 ..... Oak Bluff, Manitoba ... Morris, MB ... Elm River, Manitoba  
1955 ..... Clark, South Dakota ... Raymond (Clark) SD ... Jamesville, South Dakota  
1955 ..... Crystal Springs, Manitoba ... Ste. Agathe, MB ... Sturgeon Creek, Manitoba  
1955 ..... Greenwald, Manitoba ... Dencross, MB ... Barickman, Manitoba  
1956 ..... Spring Valley, Manitoba ... Glen Souris, MB ... James Valley, Manitoba  
1957 ..... Bloomfield, Manitoba ... Westbourne, MB ... Riverside, Manitoba  
1957 ..... Rose Valley, Manitoba ... Graysville, MB ... Waldheim, Manitoba  
1958 ..... Big Stone, Minnesota ... Graceville (Traverse) MN ... New Elmspring, South Dakota  
1958 ..... Grant, Manitoba ... Elie, MB ... Bon Homme, Manitoba  
1958 ..... Hillside, South Dakota ... Doland (Turner) SD ... Huron, South Dakota  
1958 ..... Hillside, Manitoba ... Justice, MB ... Old Rosedale, Manitoba  
1958 ..... Plainview, South Dakota ... Ipswich (Edmunds) SD ... Spink, South Dakota  
1959 ..... Bright Stone, Manitoba ... Lac du Bonnet, MB ... Maxwell, Manitoba  
1959 ..... Deerboine, Manitoba ... Alexander, MB ... Riverdale, Manitoba  
1959 ..... Fairholme, Manitoba ... Portage La Prairie, MB ... New Rosedale, Manitoba  
1960 ..... Clearwater, Manitoba ... Balmoral, MB ... Poplar Point, Manitoba  
1961 ..... Homewood, Manitoba ... Starbuck, MB ... Lakeside, Manitoba  
1961 ..... Interlake, Manitoba ... Teulon, MB ... Rock Lake, Manitoba  
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1961 ..... Spring Creek, North Dakota ... Forbes (Dickey) ND ... Maxwell, South Dakota  
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1962 ..... Cloverleaf, South Dakota ... Howard (Miner) SD ... Graceville, South Dakota  
1963 ..... Long Lake, South Dakota ... Wetonka (McPherson) SD ... Pearl Creek, South Dakota  
1963 ..... Thunderbird, South Dakota ... Wecota (Faulk) SD ... Glendale, South Dakota  
1963 ..... Wolf Creek, South Dakota ... Olivet (Hutchinson) SD ... Tschetter, South Dakota  
1964 ..... Parkview, Manitoba ... Riding Mountain, MB ... Huron, Manitoba  
1964 ..... Rainbow, Manitoba ... Isle des Chenes, MB ... Elm River, Manitoba  
1964 ..... Spring Hill Creek, Manitoba ... Wessington Springs, MB ... Platte, South Dakota  
1964 ..... White Rock, South Dakota ... Rosholt (Roberts) SD ... Rosedale, South Dakota  
1965 ..... Glenway, Manitoba ... Dominion City, MB ... Milltown, Manitoba  
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1968 ..... Hidden Valley, Manitoba ... Austin, MB ... Sturgeon Creek, Manitoba  
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 1969 ..... Suncrest, Manitoba ... Tourond, MB ... Crystal Springs, Manitoba  
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\* The AAA Map of South Dakota spells this town "Frankfort".

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**Alt Business Name:** Warden Hutterian School

**Location Type:** Single Location

**Est. Annual Sales:** [View Details](#)

**Est. # of Employees:** 50

**Est. Empl. at Loc.:** 50

**Year Started:** 1970

**State of Incorp:** WA

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**Contact's Name:** [Jacob Wollman Sr](#)

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