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The Hoffstetters appear to have had a presence in Mettmenstetten, Zurich, Switzerland, as early as the middle 1300's.¹ The earliest record found for Lieutenant Hans Hoffstetter is the baptism of his son Heinrich 3 March 1616 in the Evangelical-Reformed church book in the neighboring town of Knonau.²

The Evangelical-Reformed Church records of Mettmenstetten begin in 1614 which is too late to be of help in locating Hans Hoffstetter in them.³ In 1608 there is a reference in the records of the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Knonau to Barbara Hoffstetter of Mettmenstetten,⁴ and there appears to be little doubt that Mettmenstetten holds the key to Hans Hoffstetter's ancestry.

No record was found for the marriage of Hans Hoffstetter and Anna Gütt which took place about 1614. Baptisms for their older children are registered in Knonau and of their younger children in Ottenbach.⁵ The baptism of their daughter Barbara is recorded in the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Knonau 19 October 1623.⁶

Barbara Hoffstetter married Jacob Weidler, son Fridli Weidler and Anna Schnewli, in Ottenbach 12 November 1644.⁷

Lieutenant Hans and Anna (Gütt) Hoffstetter were living in Unter-Lunnern at the time of their deaths, his on 9 July 1662 and hers on 24 October 1661.⁸ Barbara (Hoffstetter) Weidler died in Kirchardt, Baden, Germany 2 October 1678.⁹

No attempt has been made to trace the family of Anna Gütt. In the early 1600's there were 17 Güt/Gütt families in Ottenbach and the surrounding towns of Ober-Lunnern, Unter-Lunnern, Wolsen and Tunsen.¹⁰

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¹Heinrich Türler, Marcel Godet and Victor Attinger, *Historisch-Biographisches Lexicon der Schweiz*, 7 vols. (Neuenburg: 1921-1934), 4:268. Film No. 1181542. Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT [hereinafter FHL].

²Records of the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Knonau, Zurich, Switzerland, 1552-1865. Film No. 996446. FHL.

³Records of the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Mettmenstetten, Zurich, Switzerland, 1614-1737. Film No. 996472. FHL.

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⁵Records of the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Knonau and of the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Ottenbach, Zurich, Switzerland, 1540-1780. Film No. 966946. FHL

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⁹Records of the Reformed Church of Kirchardt, Baden, Germany, deaths 1655-1785. Film No. 1189145. FHL.

¹⁰Willis N. Baer, Genealogy of Henry Baer (Allentown, PA: Schlecter's, 1955), p. 5.