

Change of Name.

It is not difficult to imagine how the name was changed from Greter to Greder and then to Grater and Grader, owing to the similarity in sound of the T and D in German language.

The old family record of Jacob Greter contains the names of three generations, and in the entries of the third generation some of the names are spelled Greder, others Grader, and one Grater.

The C was adopted by one branch of Jacob Greter's descendants through an accident: May 28, 1792, John Grater bought of George Heebner, of Vincient Township, Chester County, Pa., a property near the Mingo, Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pa., and the papers were made out by Thomas Richards in the name of John Craiter. The error was not discovered until about A.D. 1800, when the property was sold, and, in order to save trouble, the new papers were signed "John Crater." From that time on his sons Abraham, Jacob, Phillip, John, and David wrote their name "Crater." The descendants of John Creter, of German Valley, write their names "*Crater*" also.