

Many Amish families live in multigenerational homes like that of Keim/Hochstetlers. Frequently, the retired parents build a “dawdy house” (Grandpa’s house) on the property near to , or even attached to, the main house.

Since the Amish usually do not participate in Social Security or any other kind of government-sponsored retirement programs, the parents rely on the income from selling the

property to a child for their support. If one of both parents are in poor health, their children and grandchildren care for them as much as possible. It is rare to see an elderly Amish person in a nursing home, but sometimes it becomes necessary because of the requirements for skilled medical care or because of family circumstances. IF they family is financially unable to care for their parents, the church “family” will pool their resources.



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