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Historical Sketch of Franklin Co, PA by I. H. McCauley

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Appendix.

RESIDENCE AND OFFICE OF DR. BENJ. FRANTZ—WAYNESBORO', FRANKLIN COUNTY, PA.

This property is located on West Main street, in the thriving town of Waynesboro'. It is 35 feet front by 60 feet deep and has an office attached. The house proper was built in the year 1858, by John Ervin, and was bought by Dr. F. in 1870, and occupied by him in 1871, when he built the office and made other improvements. He is one of a family of seven sons and one daughter, children of Christian Frantz, who were named Isaac, John, Abraham, Jacob, Christian, Samuel, Benjamin and Anne. Isaac, John and Anne are dead. Abraham, Jacob and Christian are farmers, and Samuel is a miller, residing near Waynesboro'. Dr. Benjamin Frantz commenced the study of medicine with Drs. Martin & Jacob Muner, of Lampeter Square, near Lancaster, Pa., and finished with Dr. A. H. Senseny, of Chambersburg. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, in the class of 1846, and located, and commenced the practice of medicine in Waynesboro', where he has enjoyed a lucrative practice ever since. He was married Oct. 13th, 1849, to Mary A., daughter of Michael Ryder, of Loudon, Pa. They have ten children living and one dead, viz: Samuel, Charlotte, Caroline, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham, Anne, John, Mary and Herman. Dr. F. was born Oct. 17th, 1824, near Litiz, Lancaster County, Pa. Mrs. F. was born April 15th, 1830, in Franklin County, near Dry Run, in Path Valley. The progenitors of the Frantz family in this country, migrated at a very early date, in company with many families who were driven from their native land, Switzerland, Palatinate, on account of persecution by the Lutherans and Catholics, who denounced their religious belief, they being "Anabaptists." They came to Lancaster County, having procured a grant for a settlement from the proprietors along the Peque Creek. The Frantz who first came here, probably as early as 1670 or 80, was the great, great grandfather of Dr. Benj. Frantz, and very many of his descendants are still to be found near where he first settled. Christian Frantz, the father of the Dr. came to this country in the spring of 1825, and purchased, and settled on, a farm formerly belonging to John Stoner, and now owned by John R. Frantz. It has remained in the Frantz name ever since. Nearly all the buildings on this place were erected by Christian Frantz, who also made many improvements on the farm. In the spring of 1843 he ceased farming, and sold the place to his son John, and built for himself, a residence on land now owned by John Frantz's heirs, near Fair View Mill, now in the possession of John Phillips, Esq., where he resided until his death, which occurred in Feb. 1862, at the age of 76 years and some months. Mr. Frantz was ordained as a minister of the Reformed Menonite Church, while he yet resided in Lancaster County, and he spent nearly his whole time preaching, having stated meetings near Carlisle, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Loudon, and near Hagers-town, Md., and was the only minister of this denomination in this county for many years. He frequently took long trips on missionary duty, through New York State, Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other states. Although he was the first of the denomination of which he was a member, who came to this county, he was shortly after followed by others, among whom can be mentioned the Fricks, Bakers, Lantzes, Beshores, Millers, etc., etc. It was through his efforts that the church was established near Ringgold, Md., about the year 1827. There was also a house of worship erected in Waynesboro' in 1876. On account of his untiring efforts in advocating the doctrines of this church, which to most of his hearers was before unknown, it is by many called the "Frantzite Church," and its members are called "Frantzites."

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Isaac
John
Abraham
Jacob
Christian
Samuel
Benjamin
Anne

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