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1709 Reconstructed Census of the Pfalz

There is no such census that exists for the year 1709 for Mennonites in the Pfalz, but I have endeavored to reconstruct a census for that year. I have decided to reconstruct a census for the year 1709 because of the lack of census records which were available for several of my ancestor's villages, such as Ibersheim, near Worms, Gerolsheim and Hasselbach, near Heidelberg. Ibersheim had a Mennonite census taken in 1685 but did not have another one taken until 1738, a large 53 year gap. Gerolsheim had a census taken in 1698 and 1759. There was never a census taken for Hasselbach. These villages had a large number of Mennonites and there are very few records pertaining to the Mennonite inhabitants available previous to the year 1738. In 1731 a list was made for the Mennonites in Holland of the Mennonites who lived on the east side of the Rhine River, which included Hasselbach. This was one of the few records which showed which Mennonite families were living at Hasselbach.

I chose the year 1709 for the census because there was a large number of exiled Bernese Anabaptists who would arrive in Germany in 1710 and who do not show up in any census, lease records or church records. Many of these 1710 Anabaptist refugees would later go to Pennsylvania and since they were in Germany such a short time it would be difficult to pinpoint their whereabouts in Germany. Also the year 1710 was the year in which the Mennonites would begin to leave in groups for Pennsylvania. This would mean that the make up of the Mennonites in the Pfalz in 1709, were mostly Zurich Anabaptists who left Switzerland between about 1649 and 1660 and Bernese Anabaptists who mostly left Switzerland between 1671 and 1695.

I have tried to arrange the Mennonites by congregation based on geographical locations. The congregations are listed alphabetically. This census is based on my research and will probably not include all Mennonites living in the Pfalz in 1709. On going research will probably reveal other Mennonites living in these villages. There will probably be mistakes on some of these families due to the lack of records available. The ages shown on these lists were in most cases estimated. Please inform me of any mistakes and I will try to correct them in Volume III.

1709 Branchweiler Congregation

This congregation included Branchweilerhof (also called Spital) near Neustadt and Dutweiler.

At Branchweilerhof

Farm 1

Daniel Stauffer, age 52
Anna Stauffer, age 50
Christina Stauffer, age 26
other children?

Farm 2

Jacob Weber, age 68
Barbara Weber, age 62
children?

Farm 3

Fritz Dester, age 54
Elisabeth Dester, age 50
daughters?
Jacob Dester, age 23
Johannes Dester, age 19

Farm 4

Daniel Hege, age 19

At Hof Hohenhardt

Farm 1

Christian Brenneman, age 53
 wife
 daughters?
 Christian Brenneman, age 21

At Schatthausen

Farm 1

[?Hans] Eby, age 38
 wife, age 32
 Anna Eby, age 9
 Henrich Eby, age 7
 Andreas Eby, age 3
 Peter Eby, age 1

At Hösslingshof

Hösslingshof

Farm 1

Hans Frantz, age 54
 wife
 daughters?
 Michael Frantz, age 19
 Hans Frantz, age 17
 Baltzer Frantz, age 14

Farm 2

Christian Frantz, age 24
 wife
 Christian Frantz, age 3

Farm 3

Mathias Musselman, age 33
 wife
 daughters?
 Christian Musselman, age 4
 Andreas Musselman, new born

at Wössingen

Farm 1

Christian Rutt, age 42
 wife
 daughters?
 Christian Rutt, age 9

Farm 2

Ulrich Krähenbühl, age 56
 Elsbeth (Rötlisberger) Krähenbühl, age 50
 daughters?
 Samuel Krähenbühl, age 21
 Ulrich Krähenbühl, age 16

Farm 3

Hans Aeschbacher, age 42
 wife
 daughters?
 Christian Aeschbacher, age 17
 Jost Aeschbacher, age 9

1709
 19 Michael
 1690

1709
 14 Baltzer
 1695

1709
 24 christian
 1685

over

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lived in Earl.

13627. Elizabeth Meyer, b. c 1760. She married Abraham Reier by 1792 and lived in Earl.

13628. Magdalena Meyer, b. c 1762. She was married to John Grove by 1792 and lived in Earl.

1363. [?] Abraham Meyer, b. c 1730. He died in 1791 in Leacock twp.⁴³⁴ He was married to Hannah. His son Jacob was the executor of his will. Witnesses to the will were Daniel Eby, Abraham Gibbons and Henry Eby. He was taxed at Leacock twp., in 1759. In 1770 he was taxed on 100 acres next to his brother Jacob and to the estate of Christian Meyer which had 100 acres.

13631. Eve Meyer, b. 20 May 1758, Leacock. She was married to Henry Eby by 1790.

13632. Elizabeth Meyer.

13633. Mary Meyer, b. 18 Dec 1760. She was married to Peter Eby by 1790.

13634. Catherine Meyer. She married Christian Eby.

13635. Christina Meyer. She was married to John Dennis.

13636. John Meyer.

13637. Jacob Meyer, b. 20 Feb 1769. He received his father's 100 acres in Leacock twp., and also a house and lot in Lancaster boro. He married Elizabeth Eby on 20 May 1791. He was living at Leacock twp., in the 1790 census with one other male over age 16 (probably his father) and two females in his household.

13638. Susanna Meyer. She married Andrew Bear.

13639. Rebecca Meyer.

13630. Barbara Meyer.

1364. [?] Christian Meyer, b. c 1732. He apparently died before 1770 unmarried. His estate was taxed at Leacock twp., for 100 acres next to Abraham Meyer in 1770.

1365. Jacob Meyer, b. c 1734. He was called the brother of Abraham when he was taxed at Leacock twp., in 1770 next to his brother. He was a carpenter and rented land from Andrew Bear in Leacock twp., until at 1778. He left Leacock twp., by 1779.

137. Mary Meyer, b. c 1704. She married John Sherk of Lancaster twp., Lancaster County.

14. ?daughter Meyer, b. c 1668. She may have married Hans Brubacher of Ibersheim in about 1688.

15. Child, b. c 1671

16. Child, b. c 1675

17. Child, b. c 1677

18. [?] Rudolph Meyer, b. c 1680, Rudelsheim, Germany. He arrived in Lancaster County in 1717. He was taxed in Lancaster Co., in 1718 and naturalized in 1729. He owned land in Lancaster twp., Lancaster County on 3 May 1733, next to John Meyer (probably his nephew), John Shank, Jacob Hostetter.⁴³⁵ In 1760 this land in Lancaster twp., was still referred to as the land of Roody Meyer. He died in Tulpehocken twp., Berks Co. in 1767. He wrote his will 17 Mar 1762 and it was proved 9 Feb 1767. In his will he left all his personal estate to his son Henry Meyer because his other children had already received their full share. The executor of his estate was his son Henry Meyer. The witnesses to his will were Thomas Krevor and Christian Frantz. Rudolph was married to Barbara. He bought 700 acres in Tulpehocken twp., in Berks County on 12 Jul 1735 from Thomas Freame of Philadelphia City. Swatara Creek ran through the middle of this 700 acres. The northern part of the land was in Bethel twp., while the southern part was in Tulpehocken twp. His son John received 336 acres in the northern part of the tract in Bethel twp. His son Rudolph Meyer Jr., received 171 acres in the western part of the track partly in Tulpehocken twp., and part in Bethel twp.

⁴³⁴Will F-270, Lancaster.

⁴³⁵Deed A-32, Lancaster.

His son Henry received his home plantation in the southern tract in Tulpehocken twp., of 263 acres. On 28 Jul 1755 Rudolph and his wife Barbara transferred for "natural love and affection" to their son Henry his part of the 700 acre tract in Tulpehocken.⁴³⁶

181. John Meyer, b. c 1712. He was dead by 1797 when his brother Henry left by will his land in Tulpehocken twp., Berks County to John's son Henry Meyer. John was taxed at Bethel twp., in 1767 on 100 acres next to Peter Meyer.

1811. [?] Jacob Meyer, mentioned in his aunt Anna Meyer's will in 1799.

1812. [?] Peter Meyer, b. c 1742. He was mentioned in his aunt Anna Meyer's will in 1799. He was taxed at Bethel twp., Berks County in 1767 on 100 acres next to John Meyer.

1813. Henry Meyer, b. c 1750. He was married to Elizabeth. He received his uncle Henry's land in Tulpehocken twp., by will in 1797. He was living at Tulpehocken twp., in 1790 when his uncle Henry made a deed to transfer his land to him. On 24 Mar 1800 Henry and his wife Elizabeth were living in Tulpehocken twp., when they sold their land to Matthias Frantz and Jacob Artz.⁴³⁷

182. Henry Meyer, b. c 1720. He died at Tulpehocken twp., Berks County by 1797. He wrote his will 11 Sep 1793 and it was proved 2 Oct 1797. In his will he left his 263 acre plantation to his nephew Henry Meyer, son of his deceased brother John Meyer. He apparently had no children. The executors of his will were Jacob Weyant and Valentine Bender. He was married to Anna Wolff (d. 1799). She was called the widow of Henry Meyer when she wrote her will at Tulpehocken twp., Berks County on 25 Jun 1799. The will was proved 27 Jul 1799. She named her brother Christian Wolff in her will. She also named her sister Elizabeth Bregbiel (Brackbill) in her will. She mentions her friends in her will as; Christian, John, Jacob, Michael, Peter and Rudolph Meyer, Anna Lesh, Elizabeth Franz, Barbara Kline and Margaret Hunsicker who all received money from her estate. His father transferred 263 acres in Tulpehocken twp., to him on 28 Jul 1755. On 9 Jan 1790 Henry and his wife Anna were of Tulpehocken twp., when they sold their 243 acres in Tulpehocken to their nephew Henry Mayer Jr., of Tulpehocken, son of Henry's brother John.⁴³⁸

183. Rudolph Meyer, b. 1724. He died in 1783. He married Anna Light (1728-1792), daughter of John Light of Lebanon twp., Lebanon County. They were Mennonites. He was taxed at Bethel twp., Lancaster County (later Berks Co) in 1750. He was taxed in 1754 at Bethel twp., Berks County next to John Frantz and Peter Meyer. On 5 Jul 1754 his father sold him 171 acres in Tulpehocken twp. He was of Tulpehocken on 19 Nov 1759 when he was listed as a heir with his wife Anna of Johannes Light, late of Lebanon twp., Lancaster County.⁴³⁹ On 18 May 1763 he and his wife Anna were of Lebanon twp., when they sold his 171 acres in Tulpehocken twp., to Jacob Caderman.⁴⁴⁰ He was taxed at Lebanon twp., in 1779 on 95 acres. He would not take the oath in 1781 at Lebanon twp.

1831. John Meyer, b. c 1752. He married Anna Schenk (b. c 1761), daughter of Michael Schenk of Heidelberg twp, Lebanon County.

1831. Henry Meyer

1832. Elizabeth Meyer, b. 22 Mar 1797. She died Oct 1798.

1832. Rudi Meyer, b. 1755. He died in 1823. He died in Somerset Co. He married Barbara Schenk (b. c 1758), daughter of Michael Schenk of Heidelberg twp., Lebanon twp. He was taxed at Heidelberg twp., from 1777 to 1783+. He had 140 acres in 1782 at Heidelberg.

⁴³⁶Deed A-5-157, Berks.

⁴³⁷Deeds 17-35 & 36, Berks.

⁴³⁸Deed 16-72, Berks.

⁴³⁹Deed M-237, Lancaster.

⁴⁴⁰Deed A-6-110, Berks.

FRANTZ

Family "A"

Hans Frantz, b. c 1655. He was a Weidertaufer, living at Ittlingen, Germany in 1678.

1. Ulrich Frantz, b. 1677, Ittlingen. He died at Ittlingen on 4 Oct 1678, age 1 year.

2. [?] daughters? 1679 to 1683

3. [?] Christian Frantz, b. 1685. He was a Mennonite living at Hösselinshof, Germany on 11 Aug 1731. He arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the ship Samuel in 1732, age 47 with his second wife Anna, age 37 and his children. He died in 1739 near Lancaster town in Lancaster County. He joined the German Baptist Church in 1735.

31. Christian Frantz, b. 1706. He died in 1783. He married first Barbara (b. 1712) and second Magdalena (d. 1795). Christian and Barbara arrived on the ship Samuel on 11 Aug 1732. He was age 26 and she was age 20 in 1732. They first settled near Ephrata, Cocalico Township, Lancaster Co. He then settled with his younger brothers in 1745 at Little Swatara in Tulpehocken twp.

32. Eva Frantz, b. 1713. She married Hans Martin Barth of Lancaster County, Pa., on 11 Mar 1746.

33. Magdalena Frantz, b. 1717. She died in 1747 and is buried at the Moravian Cemetery in Lancaster Co.

34. Judith Frantz, b. 1720.

35. Veronica Frantz, b. 1724.

36. Johannes Frantz, b. 1725. He died in 1815 in Bethel Township, Berks Co., Pa.

37. Michael Frantz, b. 1726. He lived at Tulpehocken Township, Berks Co.

38. Elisabeth Frantz, b. 1729.

4. [?] Michael Frantz, b. c 1690. He was a Mennonite living at Helmstadt, Germany in 1717. He also lived there in 1724. He arrived in Pennsylvania on 30 Sep 1727 on the ship "Molly", with five persons in his family. He died in 1748 in Lancaster County, Pa. He was the first elder of the Conestoga Brethren Church in Lancaster County.

41. Child, b. c 1719, Helmstadt.

42. Child, b. c 1722, Helmstadt.

43. Michael Frantz, b. 1725, Helmstadt, Germany. He died in 1808 at Botetourt County, Virginia. He married on 12 Jun 1748, Magdalena Zug.

5. Hans Frantz, b. c 1692. He probably arrived in Pennsylvania in 1717. He was taxed at Conestoga from 1718 to 1720. He is not found in tax records after 1720 and was not naturalized with the other Mennonites in 1728 or 1729. He may have died shortly after 1720 or returned to Germany.

6. [?] Baltzer Frantz, b. c 1695. He was married to Anna Barbara. He died in 1747 in Lancaster County. He warranted 245 acres on 22 Jan 1733 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County. He arrived on the ship Adventure on 2 Oct 1727. His children were listed in the distribution of his estate. He did not arrive with a group a Mennonites which may indicate that he was never a Mennonite. He was a Lutheran before he was baptized by Michael Frantz in Feb 1739 at Conestoga into the Church of the Brethren.

61. Hans Frantz, b. c 1728.

62. George Adam Frantz, b. 13 Dec 1730 and baptized in December 1730 at the Lutheran Church in Lancaster County. He lived in Cocalico in 1756.

63. Margaret Frantz, b. c 1732. She married Michael Frantz before 1755.

64. Catherine Frantz, b. c 1734. She married Conrad Charles before 1755.

65. Christopher Frantz, b. c 1736. He was a minor child over 14 in 1755.

He was a minor in 1755 and chose George Swingle as his guardian. He was living in Cocalico in 1756. He was married to Magdalena, but later he forsook her.

66. Elizabeth Frantz, b. c 1738. Her guardian was Michael Wise. She married Michael Kitch. She was a minor over 14 in 1755.

67. Abraham Frantz, b. c 1740. He was a minor in 1755 over age 14. He married first Elizabeth Bollinger, daughter of Rudy Bollinger. He married secondly Anna Maria. He died Nov 1770.

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671. Abraham Frantz b. 1764 Cocalico
672. Adam " b. c 1769. He was
a minor under 14
in 1772.
673. Mary " b. c 1772. She was
a minor under 14
in 1785.

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" Hilsbach

" Buried 4 Oct 1678 Uli, son of Hans Frantz,
WiderTaufher at Uttingen/Uttingen age 1 year."
[" means Anabaptist]

in 18th Century Emigrants, Vol I, The Northern
Kraichgau, p. 424.

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