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Dear Lorraine,

Thank you for your note and Christmas card. I had your address from Caleb Frantz, and if I remember correctly, he showed me a printout of your work. I, too, left one with him.

As I work on several other families, I have laid the Frantz family work by for the present. I am sending you the first three generation of what I have in my datafile. I am using the Henry Numbering system and where you find a + we have carried the line forward to the next gen.

Perhaps we should correspond further before I send you more of my work. What are your intentions? Do you have financing to take this on to the printing and distribution?

We are interested in this project because we are in the process of printing a new or updated version of the "Garst Family in America". As you know, five of the Garst descendants married five of the Michael Frantz II descendants.

We are gathering information on the Michael Frantz family in order to print this about the time the Garst Book is printed. We have no financing at this time and are still in the gathering stage. We would be glad to work with others in this project.

My wife is Kathryn Garst and she grew up in the Roanoke, VA area on some of the land of the original Garst/Frantz families. We have done some original research on some of the lines and have not taken the time to include it in the file yet.

So this is where we are. We will be glad to exchange data with you for our mutual benefit. We have a Kapro II X and if you can read my data file, I would be glad to send you a copy of my discs or a print out. We have 67 pages now and much more to enter.

Let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Floyd & Kathryn Mason

Elder Michael Frantz

Between 1721 & 1780 over thirty Frantz families came to America. Early immigrant records include arrivals of: Michael Frantz Sr. on the ship "Molly" and qualifying on 9-30-1727; Belsar



Frantz arrived on the ship "Adventurer" 10-2-1727 and Christian Frantz Sr arrived on the ship "Samuel" 8-11-1732. These three were born at St. Jacob near Basel, Switzerland, and genealogists feel certain they were brothers. Michael brought with him his wife, daughter and son Michael Jr. Christian and his wife Anna had eight children. Basel Frantz and his wife, Anna Barbara (Hannah) had six children. They all Arrived at the Philadelphia, PA port and settled in Lancaster Co., PA.

The compiler believes that all three were Mennonites, Michael may have been a Bishop. Michael, it is stated, met Alexandria Mack and the early followers of the German Baptist Brethren faith before he left Europe. In 1734 he was baptized into the German Baptist Brethren faith by Peter Becker and commissioned to preach. He was ordained in 1735 and became the first elder of the Conestoga congregation. He held this office until his death in 1748. Charistian I and Balser also joined the Conostoga Congregation in 1735. Christian died in 1739 and Balser in 1747.

There was much discussion and controversy between the early Brethren and Conrad Beissel of the Ephrata Community. According to tradition a church council was held and Michael Frantz stepped forward and layed a fence rail on the ground that led into the big barn where they met asking all who would remain loyal to the mainline Brethren to step to the right, he himself leading the way. All who wished to follow Beissel would step to the left. Twenty members followed Frantz and this number grew to two hundred by the time of his death.

Michael Frantz Sr. was a leader of unusual ability; he was a writer of both poetry and prose.

1 Michael Frantz I b 1687 d 1748 m \_\_\_\_\_.

He came to Philadelphia PA on the ship "Molly" 9-30-1727 and settled in Lancaster Co., PA. He was a brother of Belser Frantz and Christian Frantz Sr.

+11 Michael Frantz II b 1725 d 1807 m Magdalena Zug.

#### second generation

11 Michael Frantz II b 1725 d 1807 m Magdalena Zug, da Ulrich Zug & Barbara Bachman. He came to America with his parents when two years old. He was an elder in the German Baptist Brethren Church and lived in Lancaster Co., PA until his father died. He married about 1748. Around 1784 he and his uncle Christian Frantz and their descendants moved to Botetourt County, VA. They and the John Nicholas Garst families bought land south and west of the Roanoke, VA airport. He died and was buried there before many of his children moved west to OH.

+111 John (Hannes) Frantz b 1749 d 1821 m Elizabeth (Maria) Hostetter.

+112 Jacob Frantz b 1755 d 1799 m Barbara Hostetter b 1752 d 1791. See next generation (the following is entered from a query from LHB in the Spring Issue, Vol XII, number 1 FOBG & p 6 of the Hostetter Book. We're looking for documentation.

+113 Daniel Frantz b 1763 d 1843.

+114 Michael Frantz III b 1764 d 1834.



- +115 Christian Frantz Sr. b 1766 (1761) d 1838.
  - +116 Peter Frantz (b 1757/65 d 1853).
  - +117 David Frantz b 1768 d 1815.
  - 118 Abraham Frantz (may be the fourth child) - may have m Marie Koch of Lancaster Co., PA on May 29, 1784 or Phebe Taylor of Boteourt Co., VA on Dec. 3, 1817 - or both. No further info.
  - +119 Ann Frantz
- (we are not sure about the dates or order of these children)

### third generation

- 111 John H. Frantz b 1749 d 1821 m Elizabeth (Maria/on) Hostetter, da Jacob II Hostetter & Anna Elizabeth Hershey. When most of his brothers moved to Botetourt Co., VA, he stayed in PA and sometime moved to Franklin Co., PA. We believe he was a member of the Mennonite Church. (A few think this John and Jacob were not of Michael II - we need more proof)
  - 1111 Jacob Frantz b 1773 d 1840 m Elizabeth Hershey.
  - 1112 Anna Frantz b 1774 d 1861 m Isaac Hershey.
  - 1113 John Frantz b 1778 d 1854 m \_\_\_\_\_ Hershey.
  - 1114 Elizabeth Frantz b 1780 d 1839 m John Hershey.
  - 1115 Barbara Frantz b 1784 d 1874.
  - +1116 Christian H. Frantz b 1786 d 1862 Married Anna Frick.
  - 1117 Maria Frantz b 1788
- 112 Jacob Frantz b 1755 d 1799 m Barbara Hostetter b 1752 d 1791, da Jacob II Hostetter & Anna Elizabeth Hershey.  
If the following is true, it would mean that Jacob moved, with most of his brothers to Virginia about 1787.
  - 1121 John Frantz b 1781 d 1838 m Elizabeth Brubaker.
  - 1122 Nancy Frantz m John Kohr.
  - ? see note below.
  - +1123 John Frantz b 1787 in PA m Barbara Arnett.
  - 1124 Jacob Frantz b 1789 d 1860 m Anna Miller
  - +1125 Anna Frantz b 1791 in VA d 1871 m Frederick Beachler.

(note - the compiler has taken a liberty here and has combined the children on p 6 in the Hostetter Book with information in a letter from Lowell W. Beachler - it may not be right)

(A letter written by Beulah Mumma of Waynesboro, PA is located in a file at Lancaster Mennonite Society which states that "John Frantz, father of Christian Frantz, was a brother to Jacob Frantz, whose son Christian was the father of Andrew M. Frantz, Esq., father of Letitia Frantz, M.D. of Lancaster, PA". I have not included this in the children of Jacob #112 where I believe it goes.)
- 113 Daniel Frantz b 1763 d 1843 m Anna Garst b 1764 d 1821, da John Nicholas Garst and Mary Elizabeth Stathalter, m-2 Magdalena Garver Minnich b 1784 d 1866. They lived in Lancaster Co., PA, moved to Botetourt Co., VA between 1784 and 1788 then moved to Clark Co., OH on May 17, 1816. Daniel and both wives are buried in the Frantz Cemetery near Springfield, OH.
  - +1131 Anna Frantz b 1785 d 1840 m Peter Heck Jr b 1780.
  - 1132 Michael Frantz b 1787 d 1891
  - 1133 Magdalena Frantz b 1788 d 1806.
  - +1134 Catherine Frantz b 1791 m Benjamin Ream.



1135 Elizabeth Frantz b 1793 d 1795.  
 1136 Daniel Frantz b 1795 d 1800/2.  
 +1137 Benjamin Frantz b 1797 d 1868 m Elizabeth Flory.  
 +1138 Susanna Frantz b 1800 m Henry Neher.  
 +1139 John Frantz b 1802 d 1886 m Annie Mary Ohmart.  
 +113A Daniel Frantz b 1804 d 1901 m Sophia Ohmart.  
 +113B Christena Frantz b 1807 d 1878 m Adam Ohmart.  
 113C Joel Frantz b 1822 d 1869 m Mary Neher. m-2  
 113D Salome Frantz b 1823 m John Grisso. "  
 113E Elizabeth Frantz b 1825 d 1901 m Emanuel Grisso. "  
 113F Samuel Frantz b 1832 d 1849. "  
 114 Michael Frantz III b 1764 d 1834 m 11-23-1802 Marian Elizabeth Kish b 1767 d 1824, da Christian Kish (Gish ?), m-2 Hannah Goode. L. W. Shultz states that Hannah is thought to have been a Goode. From the family Bible, written by Michael, as stated by L. W. Shultz in the Winger Family Record we find most of this information. Also the writer has a copy of the Will and Administrative distributions as recorded in Will Book E pp 404, 412, 413, 414, 415, & 416, Will Book F pp 498, 499 & 500 and Will Book I pp 247, 248 & 249.  
 1141 Ann Frantz b 1788 m Abraham Armev.  
 +1142 John H. Frantz b 1789 d by 1844 m Mary McCully.  
 +1143 Elizabeth Frantz b 1791 m Martin Winger b 1791 d 1864, s Joseph Wingert & Hoover.  
 +1144 Henry M. Frantz b 1794 d 1844 m Anna Keagy.  
 1145 Susannah Frantz b 1797  
 1146 Magdalena Frantz b 1798 m Henry Wingert (bro of Martin)  
 1147 Margaret Frantz b 1801 m David Kinzie may be s Christian.  
 1148 Catherine Frantz b 1806 m Jacob Kinzie, may be s Christian Kinzie, m-2 John Gish.  
 +1149 Michael Frantz IV b 1810 d 1871 m Elizabeth Barnhart.  
 115 Christian Frantz Sr. b 1766 d 1850 m Mary Garst b 1762 d 1838, da John Nicholas Garst & Mary Elizabeth Stathalter. They moved from Botetourt Co., VA to Clark Co., OH 1814.  
 +1151 Jacob Frantz b 1784 d 1851 m Sarah Ebersole.  
 +1152 Catherine Frantz b 1786 d 1841 m George Grisso b 1783.  
 1153 Elizabeth Frantz m Jacob Olinger. No children  
 1154 Christian Frantz Jr. m Catherine Trout, da David Trout & Nancy Murphy. They had five sons and four daughters.  
 1155 Magdalena Frantz m Philip Simmons. 1 son.  
 1156 Esther Frantz - unkm.  
 1157 Mary Frantz b 1793 d 1876 m as 1st wife John Brubaker b 1777 d 1846. They lived in Preble Co., OH. 1 son.  
 1158 Anna Frantz m John Lesh. They lived in Preble Co., OH.  
 +1159 Salome (Sally) Frantz m Abraham Miller. 2 sons & 1 da.  
 116 Peter Frantz b ca 1757/65 m Catherine Garst, da John Nicholas Garst & Mary Elizabeth Stathalter.  
 1161 Catherine Frantz m William Grill  
 1162 Mary Frantz m John Fullheart.  
 +1163 Nicholas Frantz b 1797 d 1874 m Catherine Crist b 1799.  
 1164 Anna Frantz m Henry Fullheart.  
 +1165 Magdalene Frantz m Jacob Crist Sr. b 1801.  
 1166 Elizabeth Frantz m James Trout  
 +1167 Sally Frantz m Frederick Garst II, s Frederick Garst I.



- 1168 Barbara Frantz m Robert Howard.
- 117 David Frantz b 1768 d 1815 m ca 1790 Marie Elizabeth Garst b 1768 d 1840, da John Nicholas Garst & Mary Elizabeth Stathalter, she then m-2 Leonard Houtz d 1824, s Christain Houtz & Barbara Emmert. They moved from PA to Botetourt Co., VA between 1784 and 1788. They had lived on Mason's Creek and Cove Road in what is now Roanoke Co., VA until David's death and soon after she m-2 Leonard, they moved to Clark County, OH.
- +1171 Michael Frantz b 1791 d 1860 m Elizabeth Crist b 1792 d 1823, m-2 Susanna Neher b 1800 d 1850, m-3 Catherine Ohmart Crist b 1808 d 1899, former wife of John Crist Sr.
- +1172 Anna Frantz b 1792 d 1867 m Abraham Garst II b 1791 d 1852.
- 1173 Elizabeth Frantz b 1794 d 1842 m Henry Houtz.
- +1174 Samuel Frantz b ca 1798/5 d 1867 m Mary Fisher.
- 1175 David Frantz b 1798 d 1836 m Katherine McGinty.
- 1176 Abraham Frantz b 1799 d 1874 m Catherine Houtz, m-2 Abalona (Croman) Homsher.
- 1177 Christian Frantz b 1801 d 1851/7 m Catherine Minnick b 1804 d 1879.
- +1178 Jacob Frantz d 1835/36 m Mary Jane Ebersole.
- +1179 Lydia Frantz b 1805 d 1886 m David Ziegler b 1790.
- 117A Susanna Frantz m Jeremiah Wolfe.
- +117B Joseph Frantz b 1813 d 1866 m Nancy Hornish, m-2 Catherine Neher.
- Magdaline Houtz - single. (of 2nd marriage and
  - George Houtz not Frantz Descendant)
- 119 Anna Frantz was 1st wife Jacob Garst b 1766 in PA d 1854 in VA, s John Nicholas Garst & Mary Elizabeth Stathalter. He m-2 Eva Minter, m-3 Margaret Landers Hinkle, widow of John Hinkle. Also written Magdaline Landis Henkle. He gave his VA farm to his daughter Mary Lockett and lived there until his death. He served in the Revolutionary War.
- 1191 Abraham Garst - unm.
- 1192 Catherine Garst m 1812 at Botetourt Co., VA John Hartman.
- 1193 Elizabeth Garst
- 1194 Christiana Garst - died young.
- +1195 Jacob (H) Frederick Garst Sr. b 1795 at Botetourt Co., VA.
- 1196 Annie Garst m 1820 at Botetourt Co., VA George Clark.
- 1197 Nicholas Garst
- 1198 Rosena Garst m 1821 Lot Hinkle and moved to Putnam Co., IN.
- 1199 Christian Garst
- 119A Easter Garst - died young.
- Philip Garst - went to IA. m-2
  - Eve Garst - not Frantz descendant - m-2.
  - Mary Garst b 2-23-1810 d 1891 m 1827 Forrest Lockett. m-3 They took care of her father in his later years and were given the family farm for this care. (see picture section)
  - Philip Garst b 10-14-1810 d 1901 m 1831 Mary Hartman, da George Hartman & Nancy \_\_\_\_\_. They moved from VA to Madison Co., IA about 1846 where he was a farmer. Their descendants are in the Our Garst Family in America.
  - Lydia Garst m 1832 Samuel Coon, m-2 1850 Samuel Mason.

Note: 2/14/88  
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my computer.  
lots of differences!  
Did not change my data!!



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We will be glad to share and receive information on these families. Let us hear from you. For information send SASE.

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