

CHRISTIAN  
FRANTZ

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"Christian Frantz."

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28 apr 2017



1731 Haschof (L stunde von Neustadt Nordwärts) Chrs Frantz, Peter Schneider, Andreas Moselmann, Peter Künzi, Danie Gran and Ulrich Newkomm. Diener: Chr und Math Moselmann

to AM Aug. 11, 1732 on ship Samuel (S-H list 19A)

CHRISTIAN FRANTZ I  
1685-1739  
b. Basel, Switzerland  
M. Anna  
1695-  
Lancaster Co., Pa.

All persons are listed according to age in all generations, reading left to right across both pages.

Showing the descendants of CHRISTIAN FRANTZ I thru CHRISTIAN FRANTZ III.  
Showing the descendants of CHRISTIAN FRANTZ III remaining in Berks Co., Pa. to the sixth generation.  
Showing the descendants of CHRISTIAN FRANTZ III going to, and/or in Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Oklahoma to the sixth generation.

II	II	II	II	II
CHRISTIAN FRANTZ II 1706-1783 b. Basel, Switzerland M. Barbara 1712- M. Magdalena -1795	EVA 1713- M. Hans Martin Barth Lancaster Co., -1795	MAGDALENA 1717-1747 buried in Moravian Cemetery Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania	JUDITH 1720- Bethel Twp. Berks Co., Pa.	JOHN 1725-1815 Bethel Twp. Berks Co., Pa.

III	III	III	III	III
CHRISTIAN FRANTZ III 1743 (?) - 1824 M. Anna Moyer (?) b. Berks Co., Pa. Botetourt Co., Va.	ELIZABETH 1735- M. John Scharff	BARBARA 1738- M. Peter Neylands	MARGARETHA 1741- M. Christian Wolfe	MAGDELENA 1745- M. Martin Overholser

IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
MICHAEL 1764-1833 M. Elizabeth (Moyer) Pennsylvania and Virginia	CHRISTIAN 1766-1816 M. Magdalena Houtz Pennsylvania and Virginia	MATTHIAS 1769-1829 M. Elizabeth Boeshore Tulpehocken Twp. Berks Co., Pa.	BARBARA 1771- M. Basshore Pennsylvania and Virginia	HENRY 1774-1860 M. Mary Kinsey, Penna. and Virginia

V	V	V	V	V	V
HENRY CHRISTIAN 1800-1848 Virginia and Ohio	JACOB 1802-1871 M. Elizabeth Petty M. Hannah Neff Stover Virginia	MATTHIAS 1808-1893 M. Sarah Graybill Virginia and Indiana	ANNA 1810-1852 M. Michael Trout Virginia	CHRISTINA 1796-1863 M. George Herof M. Johannes Kinsel Pennsylvania	ELIZABETH 1798-1810 Penna.

VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI
MARY 1839-1878 M. John Sando Pennsylvania	DAVILLA 1840-1916 M. Lavina Brua Canada	ISAAC 1842-1901 M. Lydia Umberger Pennsylvania	HENRY 1845-1918 M. Rebecca Batdorf M. Lydia Merkey Penna.	ELIAS 1847-1903 M. Mary Poorman Pennsylvania	JACOB 1849-1935 M. Martha Weidman Pennsylvania

VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI
SARAH ANN 1821-1883 Virginia	JOHN 1824- M. Virginia McCouley	THORNTON 1826 M. Sara Petit	MARY 1828 M. Hugh Burks	HENRY JACKSON 1834-1897 M. Mary Jane Gish Virginia and Illinois	LUCY JANE 1836- M. Henry Shaver M. Brumbaugh

II	II	II
VERONICA 1724- Tulpehocken Twp. Berks Co., Pa.	MICHAEL 1726- Tulpehocken Twp. Berks Co., Pa.	ELIZABETH 1729- Tulpehocken Twp. Berks Co., Pa.

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IV, V, VI)

III	III	III	III
ANNA 1747- M. Peter Eshelman	MARIA 1749- M. Frederick Snoke	FRONICA 1751- M. John Wenger	SUSANNAH 1753- M. Christian Kling

IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
MAGDELIN 1777- M. Isaac Cahy Pennsylvania and Virginia	ELIZABETH 1780- M. Samuel Harshberger Pennsylvania and Virginia	ANNA 1782- M. Henry Wortz Pennsylvania and Virginia	JOHN 1787-1806 M. Esther Stover Pennsylvania and Virginia	SUSANNA 1787- M. John Aschenbury Pennsylvania and Virginia

V	V	V	V	V	V
LYDIA 1801-1853 M. Jacob Wenger Pennsylvania	HENRY 1803-1890 M. Catharine Kline Pennsylvania	JACOB 1806-1873 M. Veronica Geib Pennsylvania	ANNA 1809-1857 M. Johannes Schaffner Pennsylvania	ELIAS 1810-1893 M. Katharine Hunsicker Bethel Twp. Berks Co. Pennsylvania	ISAAC 1815-1879 M. Emma Miller M. Mary Bechtel Pennsylvania

VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI
ELIAS 1847-1903 M. Mary Poorman Pennsylvania	JACOB 1849-1935 M. Martha Weidman Pennsylvania	CATHERINE 1852-1920 M. Phillip Ziegler Pennsylvania	JOSIAH 1854-1929 M. Mary Smeltzer Pennsylvania	ISRAEL 1857-1940 M. Kate Bordner Pennsylvania	ADDISON 1859-1942 M. Kate Seiger Pennsylvania

VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI
NANCY ELIZABETH 1838- M. Chris Hininger	EMORY JACOB 1841- M. Clarinda Oberchain	MARSHALL PATTY 1842- M. Jenny McCauley	FRANCES SMITH 1845-1925 M. George Burkholder	CHARLES BURWELL M. Alice Petty	MATTIE VIRGINIA M. J.W. Bushong

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February 7, 1983

Dear Family Searcher of the name FRANTZ

I recently joined the Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists and received a membership directory. I notice that you are tracing the FRANTZ line.

I, too, am tracing the Frantz line. I am interested in finding all information known on MAGDELIN FRANTZ (born ca. 1777 Berks Co., PA) who married Isaac Gaby and was living in Botetourt Co. VA in 1821. They are named in will of Christian Frantz whose will was probated at Botetourt Co. VA in 1824.

Any information will be appreciated.

I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

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March 30, 1983

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Dear Rosemary,

Thank you very, very much for your recent letter with attached chart of the Christian Frantz line.

At this time I have very little information to fill in the family group sheet for Isaac Gaby and Magdelin Frantz. I think, but have not proven, that Isaac Gaby, who married Magdelin Frantz was my second great grandfather. My great grandfather Isaac, born 1806 in Virginia, died 1876 Greene County, Tennessee, married (1) Martha Harshbarger in Virginia and (2) Mary Harshbarger (her sister) in Tennessee in 1840. In the 1830 census of Botetourt County, Virginia there is an Isaac, Jr. (my great grandfather) between ages 20-30 and an Isaac, Sr. between ages 50-60. I am presuming that Isaac, Sr. born 1770-1780 who married Magdelin Frantz is my second great grandfather. In this same census there is a Martin Gaby as head of household between ages of 30-40. I think he is a son of Isaac Sr. and a brother of Isaac Jr.

I will send family group sheets when I have proven the above. I am going to Tennessee in June and hope to get to Botetourt County, Virginia while back east. Maybe I can fill in some of the gaps in my lineage.

I have been told that I am a descendent of Martin Gaby, a German Baptist Minister of the Oley congregation. He gave land on which the Pricetown Church of the Brethren is located and is buried in the Pricetown Cemetery. The inscription on the tombstone is in German. This is in Berks County, Pa.

As I have only been working on genealogy for about two years I am finding it difficult to work on all my lines at the same time. I get so confused at times!

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

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## CHRISTIAN I IN PENNSYLVANIA

The third brother, Christian I, was born in 1685 in the small town of St. Jacob, a short distance from Basel, Switzerland. We know little of his life in Switzerland except that he was probably descended from the line of Matheus Frantz of Basel, born March 25, 1537, the son of Hans. We have no date for the birth of Hans Frantz. About 1725, Christian I left Switzerland and settled in Hassloch and Neustadt in Germany. As we have noted before, he was one of the many Swiss Mennonites who left Switzerland because of religious oppression, and who accepted the offer of Prince Karl Ludwig to settle in the Palatinate. He was a farmer and paid his annual tax of six (6) florins for protection money as required by the authorities. Records from the *Mennonite Quarterly* in the New York City Library show that he paid such a tax in the years 1729, 1730, and 1731. His brother Michael preceded him to Hassloch and his name appeared on the list of taxables for earlier years. Michael's name disappeared from this list previously as did the name of Christian in 1732. The reason is obvious, because in 1727 Michael came to America and in 1732 Christian followed.

On August 11, 1732, on the Ship *Samuel* with Hugh Percy as Captain, Christian Frantz, Sr., age forty-seven (47) landed at Philadelphia with his family as follows:

1. Christian Frantz, Sr.	Age 47
2. Christian Frantz, Jr.	Age 26
3. Anna Frantsin	Age 37
4. Barbara Frantsin	Age 20
5. Magdalena Frantsin	Age 15
6. Eva Frantsin	Age 19
7. Judith Frantsin	Age 12
8. John Frants	Age 7
9. Michael Frants	Age 6
10. Veronica Frantsin	Age 8
11. Elisabeth Frantsin	Age 3

The wife of Christian Sr. was Anna Frantsin. Christian Jr. was the husband of Barbara Frantsin. Magdalena, Eva, Judith, John, Michael, Veronica and Elisabeth were undoubtedly the children of Christian Sr.

Christian I settled in Lancaster city and farmed nearby. September 7, 1735, he became an active member of the Conestoga Congregation of the German Baptist Church. On May 9, 1738, he was issued warranty No. 15 by Thomas and Richard Penn (the sons of William Penn) for 235 acres of land in Tulpehocken Township along the Little Swatara Creek and two miles from the Blue Mountains as described in the Pennsylvania Archives (3rd Sr — Vol. 24 — p. 406). A warrant was not a grant of a Proprietary Patent nor a warranty deed as at present construed. In those days, it meant that he was now given the right to make a survey, pay for the land, make a return to the Provincial authorities, and then get a Proprietary Patent.

The authority by which Christian Sr. received his warranty was a grant of 5000 acres made to Richard Penn, Esq., (called Andolhea Manor) in pursuance of five warrants for 1000 acres each, dated at London, May 12, 1732. The warranty (No. 15) to Christian Sr. was Lot No. 15 of this 5000 acre tract. He never took up this warranty because in that same year in which it was granted (1738) he died intestate near Lancaster City.

On March 27, 1739, his wife Anna, John Moyer and Ulrich Rhode were appointed by the Orphans Court of Lancaster County as administrators of his estate. This was settled the same year, and a return to the court shows an inventory of about 60 lbs., mostly in livestock and farming implements.

His daughter, Eva, married Hans Barth, March 11, 1746, who became the ancestor of Mrs. Caroline Seltzer, recently deceased, and who for many years was secretary of the Lancaster County Historical Society. John Frantz and Michael Frantz, the younger sons of Christian I, eventually took up land adjacent to that of Christian II, both having received Proprietary Patents for the same. No records are available in respect to Judith, Veronica, and Elisabeth the other members of the family.

## CHRISTIAN II IN PENNSYLVANIA

We have seen that Christian II was born in 1706 in St. Jacob near Basel, Switzerland. He went with his father to Hassloch in the Palatinate section of Germany and from thence to America arriving in this country August 11, 1732, at the age of twenty-six. His first wife was Barbara who came with him to this country at the age of twenty. They settled near Ephrata in the Cocalico district of Lancaster County.

In 1741, he put in a call or a request to take up his father's warranty for Lot No. 15 which had been issued by the Penns on May 9, 1738, for two hundred, thirty-five acres (235) in Tulpehocken Township. Since his father, Christian I, was unable to carry through with this warranty because of his death in that year, a call was also put in by an Abraham Weidman. This was a perfectly lawful procedure as Weidman no doubt desired that land and the entire warranty was still undecided. However, this delayed matters considerably, so that the final survey and payment for the land by Christian II was delayed for several years. After a return of the entire transaction was made to the proper authorities, the patent was issued and dated August 27, 1760. A copy is on file in the Archives Room at Philadelphia City Hall. This land, as we have noted before, was a part of Andolhea Manor issued to Richard and John Penn by their father, William, which was surveyed May 12, 1732.

In 1745, Christian II and his two brothers, Michael and John, settled in the Little Swatara district of Tulpehocken Township and helped to organize the Little Swatara Congregation of the Church of the Brethren, then called German Baptist Brethren. In 1757, there were forty-five active communicants including: Michael Frantz and wife, George Beashore and wife, Jacob Beashore and wife, John Frantz and wife, Christian Frantz and wife.

Montgomery's *History of Berks County* states that (Christian II and his wife, and John and Michael and their wives were among the first settlers in that township in 1751 when Berks County was formed.) From 1754 to 1778 Christian II paid taxes on two hundred, thirty-five (235) acres of land in that township. But, in 1779, Christian paid a very small tax of fifteen (15) shillings and was classified in the tax return as a resident only. In that same year, his son, Christian III, appeared on the same tax returns as having paid taxes on the same two hundred, thirty-five (235) acres (Pennsylvania Archives Series 3, Vol. 18). In those days, it was customary for the father to distribute most of his land and possessions to his children before death finally occurred. This is probably what



## Proprietary Patent to Christian Frantz

Thomas Penn & Richard Penn Esquires true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of Newcastle Kent & Sussex on Delaware To all unto whom these presents Shall Come; Greeting Whereas in Pursuance of an Agreement Mutually entered into by and amongst us and our late dear Brother John Penn Esquire since deceased for taking up each five thousand acres to be by us severally parcelled out and disposed of in Commodius Plantations for the Settling and better improving our said Province Five several Warrants all bearing Date at London the twelfth day of May One thousand seven hundred and thirty two therefore by us granted to the said Richard Penn each for one thousand acres and by virtue thereof then was afterwards (to wit) on or about the twenty seventh of May One thousand seven hundred and thirty three Surveyed and laid out to and for the said Richard Penn a Certain Tract of Land Situate on the North East branch of Swahatawra Creek in the County of Lancaster Containing Five thousand Acres which Tract hath been all accordingly laid out and divided into divers Settlements & Plantations and the Surveys thereof returned unto and with the said Warrants remaining in our Surveyor Generals Office and one of them having been since Purchased from the Agent or Attorney of the said Richard Penn by Christian Frantz of Lancaster County aforesaid yeoman he hath humbly besought us to grant him or Patent of Confirmation for the same and in Order thereto our Surveyor General having by our Special Order & Direction returned the said Settlement and Plantation so sold and now possessed by the said Christian Frantz into our Secretaries Office the same is bounded and described as follows (that) is to say Beginning at a marked White Oak Sapling a Corner of John George Brosius Land thence by the same North twenty-two Degrees and an half of a Degree East Sixty two Perches to a marked White Oak and North West One hundred sixty perches to a Post thence by Other part of the said Five thousand Acres South Eighty Degrees East One hundred eighty nine perches to a Post thence by vacant Land South ten Degrees East One hundred ninety seven perches to a Post thence by other part of the said Five Thousand Acres North eighty eight Degrees and an half of a Degree East Seventy Perches and an half of a Perch to a marked White Oak South sixty two Degrees and a Quarter of a Degree East Sixty Perches to a Post and North thirty eight Degrees East sixty five Perches to the place of beginning Containing Two hundred & thirty five acres of land as in and by the said Warrants & Survey reference thereto being had more fully appears Now Know ye that for and in Consideration of the Sum of Five Shillings to us in hand paid by the said Christian Frantz The Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged over and besides the sum of Sixty nine Pounds Six Shillings and four pence lawful money of Pennsylvania paid by him for the Purchase of the said described Tract unto the Agent and for the Use of the Said Richard Penn As by the Said Agents Receipt for the same now produced appears and for and in Consideration of the Yearly Quit Rent hereinafter mentioned

and reserved We have given granted released and Confirmed and by these presents for as our Heirs & Successors do give grant release and Confirm unto the said Christian Frantz his Heirs and assigns the said Two hundred and thirty five Acres of Land as the same are now set forth bounded and limited as aforesaid With all Mines Minerals Quarries Meadows Marshes Savannahs Swamps Cripples Woods UnderWoods Timber & Trees Ways Waters Water Courses Liberties profits Commodities Advantages Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within the Bounds & Limits aforesaid Three full and Clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all Deductions & Reprisals for digging and refining the same and also one fifth part of the Ore of all other Mines delivered at the pithmouth only excepted and hereby reserved And also free Leave Right and Liberty to & for the said Christian Frantz his Heirs & Assigns to hawk hunt fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted Land & Premises or upon any part thereof To Have & to hold the Said Two hundred & thirty five acres of Land and Premises hereby granted except as before excepted with their appurtenances unto the said Christian Frantz his Heirs and assigns To the only Use and Behoof of the said Christian Frantz his Heirs and assigns for ever To be holden of us our Heirs & Successors Proprietaries of Pennsylvania as of our Manor of Conestoga in the County of Lancaster aforesaid in free and Common Socage by Fealty only in Lieu of all other Services yielding & Paying therefore yearly unto us our Heirs & Successors at the Town of Lancaster in the said County at or upon the first Day of March in every year from the first Day of March last One Shilling Sterling for every hundred acres & so in exact proportion of the said two hundred and thirty five Acres or Value thereof in Coin Current According as the Exchange shall then be between our Said Province and the City of London to such Person or Persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same and in Case of non-payment thereof within ninety Days next after the same shall become due that it shall and may be lawful for us our Heirs and Successors our and their Receiver or Receivers into & upon the hereby granted Land & Premises to Reenter and the same to hold and possess until the Said Quit Rent and all arrears thereof Together with the Charges accruing by means of such Nonpayment & reentry be fully paid and discharged Witness James Hamilton Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the said province who by virtue of Certain Powers and Authorities to Him for this purpose Inter Alia granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand and Caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this twentieth Day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty the thirty fourth year of the Reign of King George the second over Great Britain & C and the forty third year of the said Proprietaries Government.

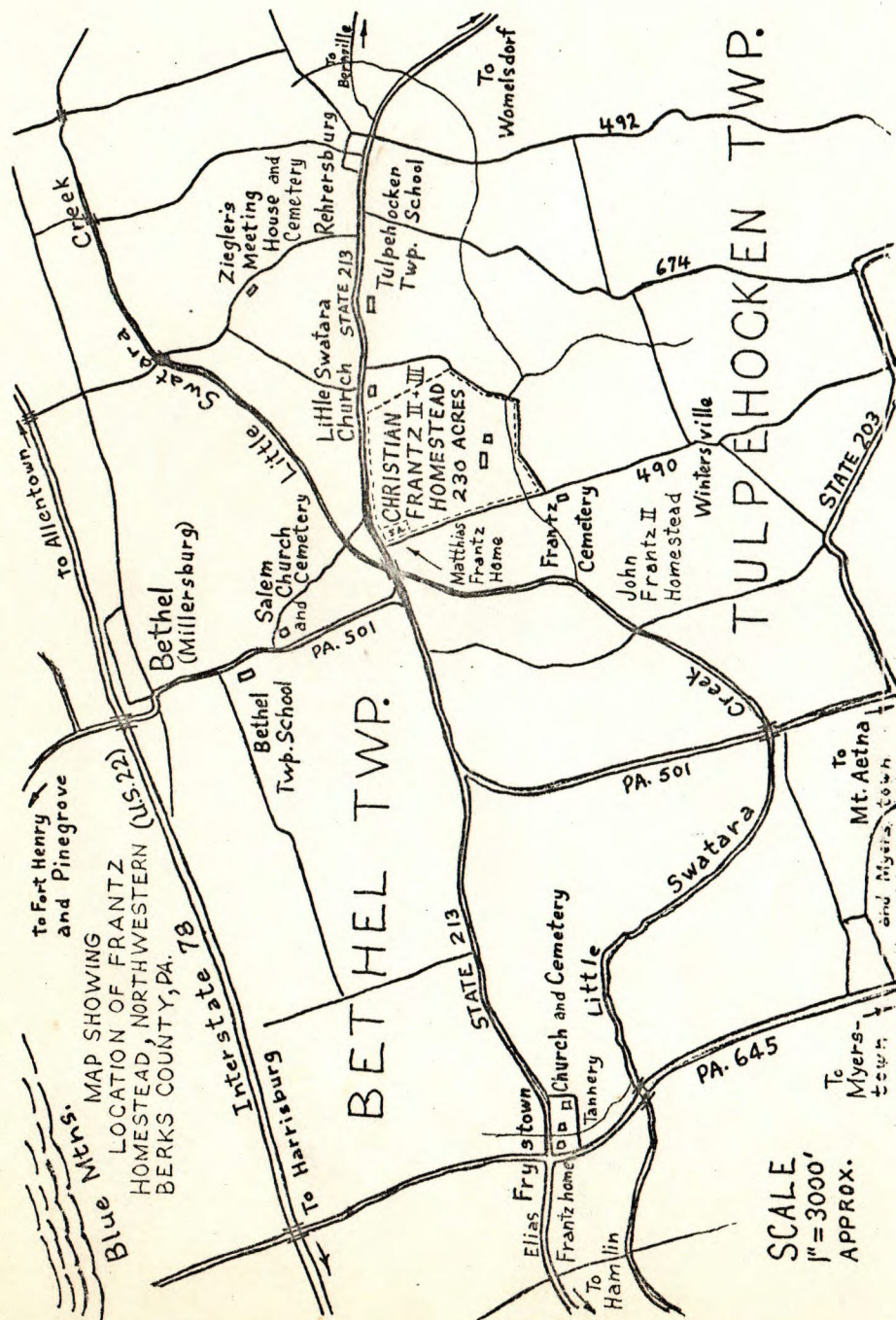
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## CHRISTIAN III IN PENNSYLVANIA AND VIRGINIA

The land which Christian III inherited from his father was on the south side of the road leading from Rehlersburg to Frystown, about half way between these towns. The map of the plot shows the shape and size, as well as the corner five (5) acres, which were reserved for Matthias when Christian III departed for Virginia.

Christian III was born about 1740. His wife was Anna (last name unknown). It may have been Moyer because the families of Christian II and Christian III were closely associated with this family. The farms were adjoining and the land passed into the possession of Henry Moyer when Christian III went to Virginia. Furthermore, we will note that Matthias bought back the entire land from Henry Moyer at a later period. We find that Henry Moyer and his wife were witnesses at the baptism of some of the children of Christian III. However, any relationship is conjectural and not factual.

In 1779, 1780, 1781, 1784, and 1785 the *Pennsylvania Archives* (Sr. 3, Vol. 18) show that Christian II paid taxes on 235 acres of land in Tulpehocken Township. The 1784 tax records show that in addition to the land, he possessed four horses, seven cattle, ten sheep; it also states that there were fourteen persons in the family, including himself. The U.S. Census of 1790 lists this Christian III family, including three males under sixteen and six females, as living in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County.

Certification by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission shows that Christian Frantz was enrolled sometime during the period 1777 - 1779 as a private in Captain John Lesh's First Company 6th Battalion, Berks County Militia. A second certification states that in 1781 he was enrolled as a private in Captain John Anspach's 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, Berks County Militia. The authority for these military accounts are abstracted returns which are in the Division of Archives of the State Capital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In both cases, residence was ascribed to Tulpehocken Township.

Christian III and his wife, Anna, had ten children. Listed in order of age they were: Michael, Christian, Matthias, Barbara, Henry, Magdalin, Elizabeth, Anna, John, Susannah. It is likely that all of these children were born in Pennsylvania with the possible exception of the youngest, Susannah.

On April 7, 1794, Christian III and Anna sold to Henry Moyer the two hundred, thirty-five (235) acres of land for the sum of 2070 lbs. A copy of this deed is on file in the Berks County Courthouse in Reading, Pennsylvania. However, it is known for a fact that he reserved five (5) acres for his son, Matthias, and his wife Elizabeth Boeshore. This is shown on the map of the plot. The entire family of Christian III, with the exception of Matthias, moved to Virginia. A letter from Moses Frantz, a grandson of Matthias, dated June 18, 1921, when he was ninety-three years of age states:

When the family decided to go to Virginia, my grandmother, the wife of Matthias, told them that she would not go along with them and under no circumstances would she leave Pennsylvania. They then built a house for them on a thirteen acre tract and all the others went to Virginia to a place not far from Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, which is in the Shenandoah Valley. This



information I received from my grandmother when she was living. I was about thirteen years old when she died. I never did know how large a family my great grandmother had. My father, Henry, (the son of Matthias) used to tell me when he was young and before he was married that he spent a winter in Virginia with the Frantz family.

There are no records available showing that the family settled near Harrisonburg although this was quite a large Brethren settlement. The writer has searched the records in the Courthouse there, but unfortunately, the early records were destroyed during the Civil War.

The 1790 U.S. Census, shows that a Henry Frantz, the head of a family of nine (9) persons, was living in Shenandoah County. This Henry was not of the Christian III family.

After the Revolution there was a great migration of Pennsylvania Germans into Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Several reasons accounted for this. Daniel Boone, who was born in Berks County, blazed the way on the wilderness road through the Pennsylvania valleys of Lebanon and Cumberland to the Shenandoah and the larger valley of Virginia. Stories of the lush farming country spread throughout the Pennsylvania German section. These early settlers preferred lime-stone soil, a condition true of the valleys they followed. About the same time the political alliance between the Quakers and the Pennsylvania Dutch (both more or less anti-war, and of peaceable religions) was overthrown. With a feeling that Western Virginia would offer a more peaceable haven, the Pennsylvania Dutch set out for this section.

Christian III and his family are known to have settled in Botetourt County, near Roanoke, Virginia. On the 13th of October, 1795, Christian Frantz and Anna, his wife, purchased for 300 lbs. from Thomas Madison and wife, Susanna, 202 acres of land bordering on Tinkers Creek in Botetourt County. On June 9, 1797, Christian also purchased 245 acres on the Roanoke River, which in 1800 was deeded to his sons, Michael and Henry. Records furnished by Frantz Hieronymus of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Dr. J. Luther Mauney of Roanoke, Virginia, place this site of Tinkers Creek as the homestead of Christian III.

The will of Christian III was drawn up June 23, 1821, and he probably died in 1824. His executors, Michael Frantz and Isaac Gaiby, his son-in-law, probated it in February of that year at Fincastle, Virginia. There were many delays in settling the estate of Christian III because of money owed to him by some of his children who had died previous to 1824. In fact, his son Christian IV died intestate in 1814, and also the latter's son, John, died insolvent and accordingly could not reimburse his father's estate. In addition, one of the tracts of land which he owned, located on Mason's Creek, was divided into three parts and passed on to John Houtz, Henry Frantz, and Michael Frantz. The land on Tinker's Creek was conveyed by his will to his daughter, Magdalena, and her husband, Isaac Gaiby. Incidentally, it is to be noted that on November 23, 1830, Isaac Gaiby sold this land (which was known as the land of Christian Frantz) to Lucy Campbell.

The settlement of the estate was further complicated by the death in 1833 of Michael Frantz who was one of the executors. As a result, the estate was not finally settled until June 1842. By that time, Matthias, the only son remaining in Pennsylvania, was also deceased and his share of the estate was settled by his sons, Henry and Jacob, both of Pennsylvania.

The family Bible of Christian II is possessed by Mrs. Miriam (Frantz) Wenger Frysinger, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Reverend Edward Wenger, now deceased, were living in Martinsburg, West Virginia where they secured from their choir director an old 1776 Christopher Sauer Bible. In it were several Frantz names including that of Christian Frantz. Notations indicate that this book belonged to him in 1815. The name Susanna Frantz was written in it in February 16, 1827, and the name of Martin Gaiby also appeared. It is probable that he was the son of Isaac Gaiby and Magdalena Frantz.

This Bible is written in German. It contained a sampler which mentions the name of Matthias Frantz and the date 1783. There was also a note of 36 pounds which Christian Frantz, Jr. (III), of Tulpehocken Township owed and paid to Matthias Gro of Bethel Township (adjoining), dated November 11, 1771. It is possible that this money was borrowed by Christian III in his younger days for some purpose of which we do not know.

### The Will of Christian III

In the name of God, Amen, I Christian France Senior of of Botetourt County and State of Virginia being old, weak & (inferm) of body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will & testament in the following manner.

In the first place I recommend my soul in the hands of God and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors as touching my worldly Estate where with it pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath as follows,

first it is my will that all children shall inherit alike of my Estate and for the benefit of my Executors I make known what each of my children have already received from me beginning at the oldest which is my son Michael France who has received of my Estate One hundred and sixty four pound nineteen shillings and seven pence.

secondly Christian France has received One Hundred and Eighty pounds nine shillings

thirdly Mathias France has received of me One hundred forty six pound two shillings and nine pence

fourthly my daughter Barbara Basehoar has received of me One hundred Fifty six pounds Eleven shillings

fifthly Henry France has received of me One Hundred sixty-four pounds nineteen shillings and six pence

sixthly Magdalin Gaiby has received of me One hundred and thirty one pounds ten and sixpence. It is understood that Daughter Magdalin is here charged with one hundred pound for the land we now live on.

seventhly my Daughter Elizabeth Harshbarger has received of me One Hundred and thirty three pound thirteen shillings

eighthly my daughter Anna Wortz has received of me One hundred and fifty eight pound seven shillings and six pence

ninthly my son John France has received two hundred sixty six pounds Eleven and six pence

tenthly Susanna France my daughter has received One Hundred and nineteen pounds



It is further my will that my son in law I Gaiby have fifty pounds more than the rest for his trouble they have with me in my dotage. It is my will that the above Gaiby have the Land whereon I now live at the rate of three hundred pounds including the hundred pounds above mentioned which is to be paid as follows One year after my decease he pay 25 pounds and 25 pounds yearly until so much is paid as to leave him fifty pounds more than the rest.

It is further my will that my daughter Susanna France twenty pounds more than all the rest except Magdalin Gaiby, the rest to have equal of all the rest those that have received most to pay to those that have received least.

And lastly I make constitute and ordain my son Michael France and Isaac Gaiby my son in law for my lawful Executors to execute this my last will and testament in which I revoke all former wills and constitute this my last and lawful will and the above named Executors to execute the same unto which I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 23rd of June 1821

Seal

Signed, Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us, and we in  
the presence of each other

Mathias Snider  
Joel Crumpacker

at Botetourt February Court, 1824

This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Christian Frantz decd. was produced in Court & proven by the oaths of Mathias Snider and Christian Frantz, witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded and Michael Frantz & Isaac Gabe and Executors named in said will, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form, they having first made oath and with security entered into & acknowledged bond according to law.

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H. Bowyer, C.B.C.

A copy — teste:

R.D.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Circuit Court of Botetourt Co. Va.

Will Book G p 119 Est Settlement June 1842  
Will Book I p 297, 89 Est Settlement Michael  
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## CHRISTIAN IV IN VIRGINIA, OHIO, ILLINOIS AND OKLAHOMA

Christian IV was born about 1766 in Tulpehocken Township, Pennsylvania. If we refer to the will of his father, Christian III, we find that Christian IV is the second oldest of the children. His older brother, Michael, was born June 28, 1764, and his younger brother, Matthias, was born August 2, 1769, so that the above approximation of the birth of Christian IV is probably correct. He was married to Magdalena Houtz and emigrated with his family and the Houtz family to Virginia and settled in Botetourt County. He died intestate about 1816, predeceasing his father, Christian III. The Court of Fincastle appointed his brother, Michael Frantz, and his brother-in-law, John Houtz, as administrators of his estate.

On December 8, 1801, a tract of 282 acres of land was conveyed by Adam Schirsir to Michael Frantz (IV), John Houtz, and Christian Frantz (IV). Later, after Christian IV had died intestate, this land was again divided into three parts by mutual agreement of all the parties involved, including the heirs of Christian (IV). The agreement bears the date of July 11, 1830.

Christian and Magdalena Frantz had four children: Henry (V), Jacob (V), Mathias (V), Anna (V). This Mathias (V) who was born in 1808 was the nephew of Matthias (IV) of Pennsylvania; he eventually settled in Ladoga, Indiana.

Jacob (V) (1802-1892) was first married to Elizabeth Petty who was a descendant of John Marshall, Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Upon her death he married Hannah Neff Stover. Jacob Frantz, through both his wives, is the ancestor of many of our Frantz relatives who are living around Roanoke, Virginia. The writer has had the pleasure of meeting some of them and refers particularly to Mrs. Helen (VII) Hammond, Mrs. Ruth (VII) Davis, Margaret (VII) Bushong, Randolph (VII) and Virgil (VII) Frantz and Dr. J. Luther (VII) Mauney. They have provided the writer with many facts concerning the Virginia branch of the family.

One of the sons of Jacob Frantz (V) was Henry Jackson Frantz (VI) (1834-1897) who was the ancestor of the Illinois and Oklahoma Frantzes, including Frank Christian Frantz who was the Territorial Governor of Oklahoma. It was the pleasure of the writer to meet his daughter, Mrs. Matilda (VIII) Frantz Bradford, now living in Boston, Massachusetts. The writer has also had correspondence with Frantz Hieronymus of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the grandson of Henry Jackson Frantz, who has supplied valuable information of the Oklahoma branch of the family.



## MATTHIAS (IV) IN PENNSYLVANIA

Matthias (IV), the son of Christian III and Anna, was born August 2, 1769, on the old homestead, Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The location of the plot is shown on the map of Bethel and Tulpehocken Townships. About 1790, he married Elizabeth Boeshore, born July 31, 1772. She was a daughter of John Jacob Boeshore and Christina Alderfer.

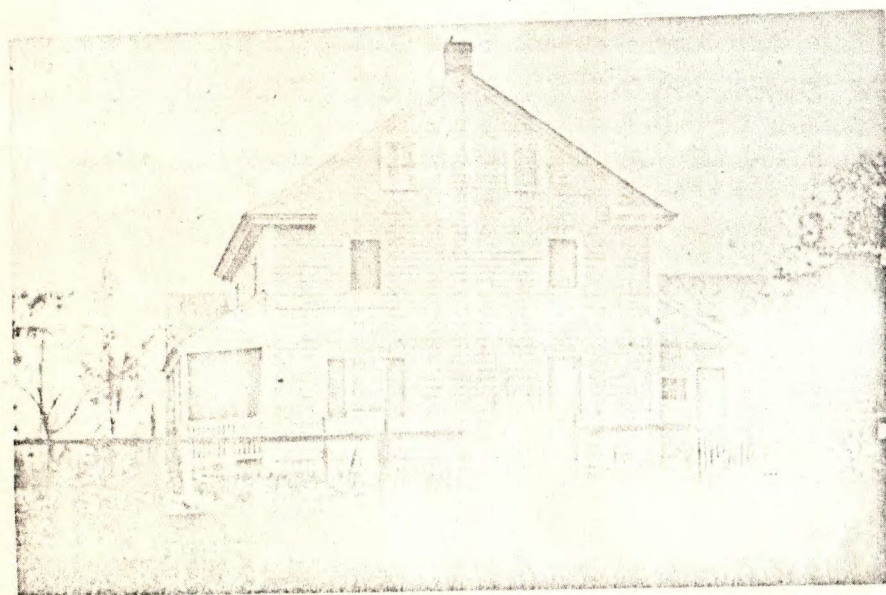
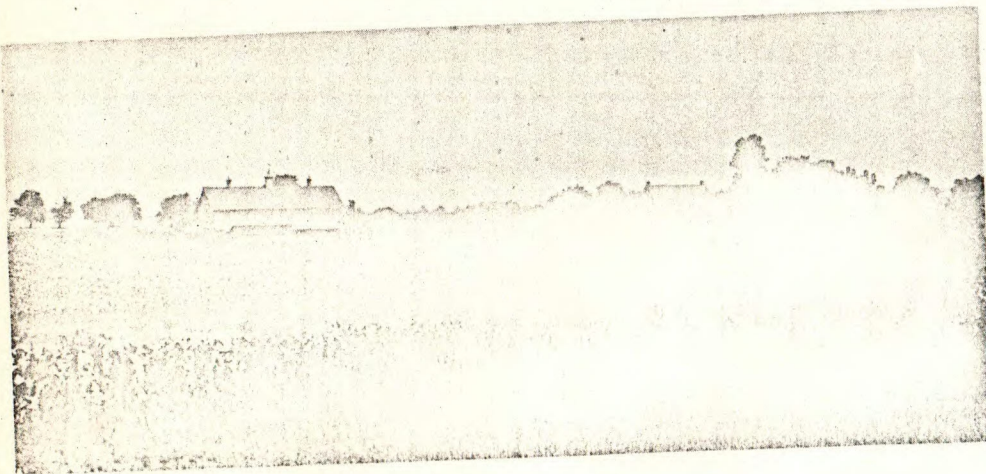
In 1794, Christian III, the father of Matthias, sold the old homestead, excepting five (5) acres at the extreme northwest corner near the Swatara Creek, which he reserved for Matthias. Upon this tract they built a log cabin for Matthias and his wife. This log cabin is still standing, although it is not recognizable as such, as it has been enlarged to a two and one-half story building and is covered with weather-boarding. Christian III, and all the brothers and sisters of Matthias with their families, went to Virginia, leaving Matthias and Elizabeth, the only descendents of Christian III who remained in Pennsylvania. In the preceding section, we find that the reason that Matthias did not go along was because his wife Elizabeth insisted that they remain in Pennsylvania.

Matthias was a potter by trade and both a potter and farmer by occupation. Across the road from the old homestead was the site of the pottery works. The clay was secured from his own farm. For pipe stems, they used currant bushes, grapevine, willow, and elderberry stems. There are many relics of this old pottery such as small jugs, cups, plates, and pipes (both plain and fancily decorated) existing among the descendants. Both Henry and Isaac, sons of Matthias, operated this pottery until 1873. (Historical Review of Berks County Historical Society)

On April 8, 1797, Matthias purchased from George and Magdalena (Boeshore) Strubhower, a tract of land known as Guienne in Pine Grove Township (then Berks County), now in Schuylkill County. This land lying on Pine Creek, across the Broad Mountain from Tulpehocken Township, originally belonged to Elizabeth's grandfather, George Boeshore, and had been granted to him as a Proprietary Patent on June 4, 1776. (Berks Co. Courthouse and Pennsylvania Archives-Sr. 3, Vol. 24). He named it after the province "Guyenne" in France, the original home of the Boeshore's. Magdalena (Boeshore) Strubhower was an Aunt of Elizabeth (Boeshore) Frantz.

On March 21, 1800, Matthias purchased two tracts of land from Henry Moyer and wife of Tulpehocken Township. One tract contained 55 acres and the other two acres. For both he paid 623 pounds. On May 3, 1804, he purchased two more tracts of land from the same Henry Moyer. One tract containing 150 acres and the other two acres and for both he paid 1400 pounds. All of these four tracts were originally part of the land which Christian III sold to Henry Moyer when he departed for Virginia. In other words, Matthias had now re-purchased and consolidated the land which originally had been possessed by Christian II and Christian III which was mentioned in the warranty granted to Christian I in 1738.

The 1800 U.S. Census reports Matthias and family residing in Tulpehocken Township. In the years 1816-1820, Matthias was certified by the General Quarterly Sessions Court of Berks County that he was the elected supervisor of the public roads and highways of the township of Tulpehocken.



Top: Home of Christian Frantz II and II on the property patent of 1760.

Center: Log (originally) house built in 1794 for Matthias Frantz by his father (Christian III) and his four brothers before they left for Virginia in 1795. Located on 5-acre plot, N.W. corner of Homestead along road, Rehrersburg to Frystown.

Bottom: Cup made by Matthias Frantz in 1795. Two toned brown color — highly glazed.



The Old Graveyards of Northampton Co and Adjacent Cos.  
 1899 - Eyerman Vol. I. Northampton Co., Pa.  
 North Heidelberg Township.

Private  
 Burial Lds.

1835 No. H. Reformed Lutheran Church Cemetery age  
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Mathias Frantz Aug. 2, 1769 Nov. 19, 1829 60

Frantz burial plot near  
 Belhel

Elizabeth Frantz July 31, 1772 July 2, 1852 80

wife of above.



The Old Grave Yards of Northampton Co and Adjacent Cos.  
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 North Heidelberg Township.

Private  
 Burial Lds.

1835 No. 11. Reformed Lutheran Church Cemetery  
 Elizabeth Frantz <sup>born</sup> Oct. 27, 1798 <sup>died</sup> Apr. 21, 1810 age 11

Matthias Frantz Aug. 2, 1769 d. of Matthias 7. Nov. 19, 1829 60

Elizabeth Frantz July 31, 1772 Frantz burial plot near Belhel July 2, 1852 80  
 wife of above.



About 1824 his father, Christian III, died in Virginia and Matthias IV sent his sons, Henry and Jacob, to Botetourt County to help settle the estate. It was not until 1833 that it was finally settled and by this time, Matthias was deceased.

In 1795, Matthias ordered a large grandfather's clock which was made by Henry Hahn of Reading, a famous clockmaker. Upon the death of Matthias, it was left to Elizabeth, his wife, and when she died in 1952, the clock was sold at auction and passed to her daughter, Christina. She passed it on to her brother, Elias, as a gift. Elias died in 1893 and it was again sold at auction and bought by his son, Dr. Elias Frantz of Reading, Pennsylvania. Upon his death in 1903, it passed into possession of his wife, Mary, in trust for their son, E. Harold Frantz, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, who received it in 1931. It remains there today.

Matthias and Elizabeth had the following children:

Christina — Born February 8, 1796 — died September 1, 1868

Married George Heraff and later Johannes Kinsel

Elizabeth — born October 7, 1798 — died April 23, 1809

Lydia — born January 27, 1801 — died October 14, 1853

Married Jacob Wenger

Henry — born July 20, 1803 — died July 22, 1890

Married Catharine Klein

Jacob — born October 6, 1806 — died July 10, 1873

Married Veronica Geib

Anna Maria — born April 12, 1809 — died October 31, 1957

Married Johannes Schaffner

Elias — born July 20, 1812 — died April 14, 1893

Married Catharine Hunsicker

Isaac — born July 3, 1815 — died August 20, 1879

Married Polly Bechtel

On November 19, 1829, Matthias died intestate, at the age of 60 years. Leaving no will, the Orphans Court of Berks County, upon the petition of his sons, Jacob and Henry, appointed them as Administrators. The estate was settled in 1831 and was valued at \$4,000 besides the land on which he lived, which was divided into two lots marked "A" and "B". Lot "A" of 151 acres went to Henry for \$3322 and Lot "B" of 55 acres went to Jacob for \$727. Adjustment was made for these lots so that all children shared equally in his estate. His sons, Isaac and Elias, were then minors, under the age of twenty-one, and received monies instead of land.

Jacob's tract passed later into the hands of his son, Percival, and then from Frantz possession. Henry's land later passed to his son, Moses, until about 1900 when the original land passed out of the possession of the Frantz family.

Matthias was outlived by his wife, Elizabeth, who after his death lived with her son, Henry, on the old homestead. She died July 2, 1852, age 81 years, leaving an estate valued at \$2500.00. Both Matthias and his wife and many of their children are buried in the old Frantz private burial ground, across from what was called the old Wintersville Road. The cemetery is on the original tract which John Frantz, the brother of Christian II, received as a Proprietary Patent about 1754.

The cemetery was undoubtedly used by the families of John II and Christian II. The fact that it was on John's land indicates this. The cemetery has a considerable number of unmarked graves and Mrs. Helen

Behney, granddaughter of Matthias IV, states 'that in her childhood days she visited this cemetery and that at that time it was practically filled with marked graves.' Since then, many of the stones and markers have disintegrated and have been removed. Later on, Moses Frantz set up a Trust to keep this graveyard in condition. At the same time markers and the cemetery walls were repaired by various descendants of Matthias. A bronze marker on the stone wall of the cemetery indicates the names of those who are known to be buried therein. It is impossible to conjecture on the unmarked graves.

ELIZABETH FRANTZ, wife of Matthias Frantz

Born July 31, 1772 — Died July 2, 1852

MATTHIAS FRANTZ

Born August 2, 1769 — Died November 19, 1829

\*ELIZABETH FRANTZ, daughter of Matthias and Elizabeth Frantz

Born October 7, 1798 — Died April 23, 1810

REBECCA FRANTZ, daughter of Jacob and Veronica Frantz

Born July 2, 1834 — Died June 29, 1848

ELIZABETH BASHAAR, wife of John (G) Frantz

Born November 4, 1842 — Died March 15, 1868

JACOB FRANTZ, Husband of Veronica Geib Frantz

Born October 6, 1806 — Died July 10, 1873

VERONICA GEIB FRANTZ, wife of Jacob Frantz

Born April 12, 1815 — Died September 12, 1882

KATIE ALICE FRANTZ, daughter of Henry K. and Cescelia Frantz

Born November 30, 1867 — Died November 7, 1873

CATHARINA FRANTZ (born Klein), wife of Henry Frantz

Born January 13, 1813 — Died November 7, 1886

HENRY FRANTZ, husband of Catharina Klein

Born July 20, 1803 — Died July 22, 1890

\*CHRISTINA KINSEL (nee FRANTZ), wife of George Heraff

Born February 8, 1796 — Died September 1, 1863

(2nd marriage to Johannes Kinsel)

ANNA MARIA SCHAFFNER, wife of Johannes Schaffner

Born April 12, 1809 — Died October 31, 1857

JOHN SCHAFFNER

Born April 15, 1808 — Died February 27, 1847

JOHANNES KUNTZ, son of Johannes and Lydia Kuntz


Born February 9, 1841 — Died April 17, 1847

Mathias' Daughters, Christina and Elizabeth

CHRISTINA FRANTZ (V), daughter of Matthias Frantz (IV), was born February 8, 1796 in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa. In 1833 she married George Heraff. After his death in 1840, she was married to Johannes Kinsel. There were no children from either marriage. A very extraordinary event in the life of Christina was that she was called to the office of Deaconess by the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, her husband not being a member of the Church. Christina died September 1, 1863. Both husbands are buried on the Isaac Bashore Farm in Bethel Township, near Merkey's Church. Christina is buried in the Frantz Cemetery, near Tulpehocken, Township, Pa.

ELIZABETH FRANTZ (V), daughter of Matthias Frantz (IV) was born October 7, 1798. She died April 23, 1810, at the age of eleven years. She is buried in the Frantz Cemetery, Tulpehocken Township, Pa.



  
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One Jacques Milne Le Baisseur, a French Huguenot, fled from his home in Guyenne (an area and former province in southwest France) to England about 1610. This was after the horrible massacre of St. Bartholomew which started in Paris in 1572, and which caused intense persecutions of all the French Protestants. In 1614, he was enrolled as a member of the French Huguenot Church in Norwich, England. From here, about a century later, some of the descendants of Jacques, in 1708, left for New York State, arriving in the Schoharie Valley, along the Hudson River. This was the period when Queen Anne of England encouraged the French Huguenots and Palatines to go to New York State instead of to Pennsylvania. Her plan was to populate the Hudson Valley so as to provide a better defense against the marauding French and Indians, in what is known as Queen Anne's French and Indian War. This war was really an extension of the War of the Spanish Succession then going on in Europe (Stapleton.)

About the same time, this Boeshore family met with Conrad Weiser and other Palatines and Huguenots in New York State in 1720 and joined the Schoharie immigration to the Tulpehocken country of Berks County in Pennsylvania. This route followed from Lake Oswego in New York State, thence down the Susquehanna River to the mouth of the Swatara, and thence up the Swatara to the Tulpehocken section. One of the Boeshores who was active in this group was Mathias Basehore, born about 1700. The historian, Rupp, to whom we are indebted for much of our information on the Palatine and Huguenot immigrants, is descended from this Mathias Basehore. Rupp later became a famous Indian fighter in the following French and Indian Wars. (*Rupp*).

Another branch of the Le Baisseur family in Norwich returned to the Alsace and Bas Rhine sections about 1700. This entire section, comprising two provinces, was now in France, and was more or less protected from the severity of religious persecution. This area was predominantly German-speaking and had belonged to the Hapsburgs. But the treaty of Westphalia of 1684, which ended the thirty year war in Europe, separated these German provinces west of the Rhine and gave them to France. This treaty guaranteed the Edict of Nantes and when this Edict was revoked by the French Government, the revocation did not apply to this area — hence, the many Huguenots in these provinces.

Among this group to settle in the Bas Rhine and Alsace was Jacob Boeshaar (Baisseur), a cooper by trade. He settled in the town of Deux Ponts (Two Bridges) in France in 1720. The town of Deux Ponts is now Zweibrücken in the Saar in Germany. A son, John George Boeshore or later spelled Bashair, born 1717, emigrated to America about 1735,

Top: Frantz Cemetery, west side of Wintersville to Bethel road. Center L: Tombstone and burial site, Matthias Frantz. Center R: Tombstone and burial site, Elizabeth Boeshore Frantz. Bottom: Plaque commemorating those buried in the Frantz Cemetery, placed in 1965 by Reuben F. King and com-



settling in Tulpehocken Twp. In 1738 he married Maria Catherine Stump. John George was the ancestor of the Schuylkill County and Tulpehocken Boeshores while the Mathias referred to above was the ancestor of the Lebanon and Dauphin County group (*Rupp*). These two branches of the same (Le Baisseur) family set out from the ancestral home in Guyenne, France about 1610 and by different paths arrived at the same place in the Tulpehocken country in Pennsylvania, thousands of miles away, across an ocean, and a century later, about 1732.

August 30, 1738, John George Bashair was granted a Proprietary Patent by Thomas Penn for 208 acres in Bethel Township, adjoining Tulpehocken, and situated along Little Swatara Creek (*Pennsylvania Archives*). In 1745, along with the families of Christian Frantz II, John Frantz and Michael Frantz, John George Bashair helped to organize the Church of the Brethren (then German Baptist Brethren, or Dunkers) in Tulpehocken, along the Little Swatara (*Brumbaugh*). He paid taxes on the property mentioned above from 1754 to 1781 (*Pennsylvania Archives*) and died in 1786, his will being recorded in February 1787 in the Berks County Courthouse. John George Bashair and his wife, Maria, had the following children: — Michael, Maria, Catherine, George, Jacob, Daniel, Marie Elizabeth and John.

Jacob Boeshore (II), the son of John George, was born in Berks County about 1740. In 1770, he was an active member of the Little Swatara Congregation of the Church of the Brethren, became a minister before 1790 and a Elder in active charge of the Church before 1800. He was taxable on his father's land in Bethel, 1782-1790. In 1780 and 1781, he served as a private in Captain Wolf's Company of Berks County Militia during the Revolutionary War (*Pennsylvania Archives*).

Jacob Boeshore married Christina Alderfer, the daughter of Frederick Alderfer who came to this country in the *Ship Samuel*, landing in Philadelphia, August 11, 1732. This is the same ship which brought our Christian Frantz I and his family, and also John George Bashair the father of Jacob. On June 4, 1776, he obtained a Proprietary Patent for a tract of land in Pine Grove Township (now Schuylkill County) across the Blue Mountain from Millersburg (now Bethel), which he named Guienne for the ancestral home in Guyenne, France. He was also taxed on this property 1775 - 1785 (*Pennsylvania Archives*). The U. S. Census of 1790 listed him as a resident of Berks County (Schuylkill County not being formed until 1811) with a family of four sons and five daughters. He died in 1815 and his will was recorded on September 27, 1815, in the Berks County Court House. Jacob and his wife, Christina, had the following nine children: Anna Maria, Christina, Elizabeth, Lydia, George, Benjamin, Michael, Jacob, Catharine.

Elizabeth Boeshore, daughter of Jacob, was born in Guienne in Pine Grove Township, then Berks County, on July 31, 1771, and married Matthias (IV) Frantz. It is of further interest that on April 18, 1797 Matthias purchased Guienne, the plantation and birthplace of Elizabeth. Guienne remained in the possession of the Frantz family for some time. (Berks County Courthouse, and Publications of Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia).

## HISTORY OF HUNSICKER FAMILY

The early home of the Hunsicker family was in Switzerland, and the name was variously spelled as Huntzecker, Hunsinger, Honshooker, Huntzinger and Hunsicker. From Switzerland, they migrated to the Alsace section of France.

Our earliest records show a Rudy (I) (Rudolph) Huntzaker who received a Proprietary Patent from Richard Penn for 200 acres in April 23, 1740 in Bethel Township, Berks County, (then Lancaster County; Berks County was established from parts of Lancaster County, etc., in 1751.) He was one of the earliest settlers in this township in 1751 and was a taxable that same year (*Pennsylvania Archives*). One of the old landmarks of Bethel Township was the Union Meeting House, for which the land was given by Rudy. This meeting house was near Hamlin (now Lebanon County). More land was given by his grandson, Jacob, on August 5, 1826, for the use and benefits of the different congregations in that part of the country. In 1812, the original building was repaired and in 1859 a new meeting house was built. (*History of the Church of the Brethren of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania*). Rudy Huntzaker died in 1768, leaving the following children: Valentine, Jacob, Christian, Henry.

Christian Hunsicker, son of Rudy, was born about 1745 near Fredericksburg in Bethel Township (now Lebanon County), and made his home at Hamlin. In 1779, he paid taxes in this township (*Pennsylvania Archives*). The *Archives* show that he was recruited as a private in Captain Casper Stoevers Company, 3rd Company, 2nd Bn, Lancaster County Militia from 1781 - 1782. This company was enlisted in Bethel Township, Lancaster County, as Lebanon County was then part of Berks and Lancaster County. (Montgomery's *History of Berks County*) U.S. Census records of 1790 record a Christian Hunsicker in Bethel Township as having a family of three males and six females. He died about 1810. Christian and his wife, Barbara, are buried at Walmer's Church in Lebanon County. We know the names of only three children of Christian and Barbara; namely Elizabeth, Jacob and Phillip III.

Philip Hunsicker, the son of Christian, was born in 1787, in Bethel Township, Lebanon County. He married Mary Ann Noll, born March 30, 1806, who was of French Huguenot descent. Her ancestors came from Deux Ponts in the Bas Rhine Province of France and settled in the Tulpehocken section of Berks County in 1727. By trade, Phillip was a carpenter and also farmed sixty (60) acres in Bethel Township.

In the War of 1812, he saw active service in the U.S. Army in the defense of Baltimore and Washington. (*Pennsylvania Archives*). He died in 1871 and both he and his wife, Mary Ann, who died in 1846, are buried at Klopp's Church, where he was a member. Phillip and his wife had the following eleven children: Polly, Jonathan, Katharine, Betsy, Daniel, William, John, Caroline, Sybilla, Henry, Elias.

Katharine Hunsicker (IV), the daughter of Phillip, married Elias (V) Frantz.



## ELIAS FRANTZ V

Elias Frantz was born in Tulpehocken Township on July 20, 1812. On October 18, 1833 he married Katherine Hunsicker, born April 3, 1815. She was the daughter of Phillip Hunsicker and Anna Marie Noll. Phillip Hunsicker (1787-1871) was born in Bethel Township, Berks County. Phillip was a farmer and a carpenter, and served in the War of 1812, in active service in the defense of Baltimore and Washington. He was descended from Rudy Huntzaker who received a Proprietary Patent for 200 acres in Bethel Township April 13, 1751 and was one of the earliest settlers in this section. The Hunsicker family was of Swiss origin and the Noll family of French Huguenot background.

Shortly after the founding of Frystown in 1823, Elias Frantz established a home there as well as a tannery. Despite a lack of training in this particular industry, his tannery became known all over the countryside and was very successful as a financial venture. This was passed on after his death to his son, Henry, until modern industrial conditions forced it to close. He built his home in Frystown where it still stands on the southwest corner at the intersection of the road leading from Frystown to Hamlin, and the road from Pine Grove to Myerstown (Pa. Rt. 645).

Elias was active in the German Baptist Brethren Church and on June 3, 1875, presented three lots in Frystown to the trustees of the Frystown Meeting House (Henry Frantz and Moses Gible) for use as a cemetery. It is interesting to note that in the deed, as recorded, is the following:

For the use of the old German Baptist Congregation of the Little Swatara in the County of Berks and Lebanon and also for a graveyard which shall belong to said Meeting House, but nevertheless, any person who dies a natural death shall be permitted to be buried in the said graveyard and a preacher of any denomination can be taken to preach the funeral sermon in the Meeting House, but the said trustees or their successors shall always be asked to direct at what place the grave shall be made.

Elias died April 14, 1893, having been predeceased by his wife, Katherine, November 11, 1886. His will directed that all his personal and real property be sold and divided equally among his heirs, the estate being valued at about \$12,000.00

Elias and Katherine Frantz had the following children:—

Mary Frantz, born July 15, 1839 (married John Sando), died Sept. 25, 1889

Davilla H. Frantz, born October 2, 1840 (Married Lavina Brua), died May 2, 1916

Isaac H. Frantz, born October 26, 1842 (married Ammaline Miller and later Lydia Umberger), died May 18, 1901

Henry H. Frantz, born April 23, 1845 (Married Rebecca Batdorf and later Lydia Merkey), died February 21, 1918

Elias H. Frantz, born March 13, 1847 (married Mary Poorman), died December 26, 1903

Jacob H. Frantz, born July 4, 1849 (married Martha Weidman), died November, 1935

Catharine H. Frantz, born October 9, 1852 (married Phillip Ziegler), died January 29, 1920

Josiah H. Frantz, born October 25, 1854 (married Mary Smeltzer), died May 22, 1929

Israel H. Frantz, born April 1, 1857 (married Kate Bordner), died June 4, 1940

Addison H. Frantz, born January 23, 1859 (married Kate Segar), died July 2, 1942

William H. Frantz, born March 13, 1861, died March 18, 1861

E. Harold Frantz, who researched and wrote *Part I — the Historical Background* of this book, is a grandson of Elias and Katherine (Hunsicker) Frantz. Genealogies of all Matthias' children, excepting Christina and Elizabeth, following in *Part II* of this book.



Christian II did since his will was written on the 20th of January, 1775. He probably died at a later date since his will was probated August 6, 1783, by his son and executor Christian III.

The first wife of Christian II was Barbara, but when she died is unknown. His second wife was Magdalena who outlived him and is listed in the 1790 U.S. Census as living in Tulpehocken Township. They had the following children: Christian III, Barbara, Margaretha, Magdalena, Anna, Maria, Fronica, Susannah, Elizabeth. The daughters were probably married to John Scharff, Peter Neylands, Christian Wolff, Martin Overholser, Peter Eshleman, Frederick Snoke, John Wenger and Christian Kling. We cannot be definite of these marriages and to which one of his daughters. However, in the inventory of his estate there is included a bond or note from each one of the abovementioned persons as well as from his son, Christian. This may indicate that he also distributed money to his sons-in-law, but that he required a note or bond from each one of them upon which they paid interest to him until his death.

Christian's inventory included household goods valued at about 75 lbs. and also notes and bonds amounting to 240 lbs. due from the men surmised to be his sons-in-law. His total estate exclusive of lands, was worth about \$3000 in U.S. money. A copy of his will filed in the Berks County Courthouse at Reading, Pennsylvania, follows:

### The Will of Christian II

In the name of God, Amen, the 27th January, 1775, I, Christie Frantz of Tulpehocken Township, County of Berks and Province of Penna. yoeman, being old and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefor, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian-like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate where-with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item. I give the bequeath unto Magdalena, my beloved wife, the sum of 100#, to take the same from my cash or ready money or of the bonds and notes, with all and singular my personal estate, excepting the remainder part of my ready money, bonds, obligations, notes and book debts shall be equally divided among my eight daughters, to-wit, Barbara, Margretha, Magdalena, Anna, Maria, Fronica, Susannah and Elizabeth, or to their respective heirs or representatives, as long as she remains a widow, and after her decease, then the whole of my personal estate shall be equally divided among my aforementioned eight daughters, or to their respective heirs or representatives, as aforesaid, allowing my son Christian Frantz, 20 shillings for his

first birthright, and allowing my daughter Elizabeth when she is to be married the sum of 14# as a dower out of my personal estate because my other daughters have had the same before. But if Magdalena, my beloved wife, should intermarry or marry again, then shall she have the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds, her bed and bedding, her chest and linen clothes, and no more, and move off and from my plantation, and then the residue of the aforesaid mentioned legacy bequeathed to her shall then be equally divided among my aforesaid eight daughters, or their respective heirs or representatives.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Christian Frantz, my beloved son, all and singular my plantation, land and tenements whereon I live, containing 236 acres of land, with all and singular the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto him my said son, Christian Frantz, his heirs and assigns forever. Provided, that is, upon this condition that he, my said son, Christian Frantz, or his heirs, executors or administrators, shall and do well and fully pay or cause to be paid unto his eight sisters the sum of 600#, lawful money of Penna. in manner following, that is to say, 37# 10S part thereof in three months after my death, to my beloved daughter Elizabeth, 37# 10S in twelve months next ensuing, to my daughter Barbara, and so forth yearly and every year, successively, the sum of 37# 10S. to each of my daughters according to their age, beginning to pay Margretha and so forth, as aforesaid, or to their respective heirs or representatives, until the whole sum of 600# aforesaid being fully paid and satisfied, which will make sixteen payments; and I do further order and it is my will that my son, Christian Frantz, or his heirs, as a further consideration for my aforesaid plantation, to pay, make good and deliver yearly unto Magdalena, my beloved wife, the following: 10 bu. wheat, 4 bu. rye, 15 bu. oats  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land for Indian corn,  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre for potatoes, to dung, to sow and to plant it;  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the garden and to dung it; 24# of statcheld flax or help, 9# of wool, 100# of pork, 50# of beef, shoes so much she has need of, turnips so much she wants for eating, and to keep for her a horse or mare and a cow in fodder, Summer and Winter, as her own creature, and when the cow stands dry that she may have milk of another cow until she has milk again; apples, 3 gallons of West India Rum, 2 gallons of molasses, 9 gallons cyderoil, 1 barrel of cyder, and to bring the grain in the mill and fetch the meal and bran home again, fire wood so much she has need of, ready cut fit for using, and to haul it to her house, and to have the liberty of and to dwell in the house with my son, Christian Frantz, or his heirs, to have the use thereof likewise in the kitchen or cellar as I have it at present, and if they cannot live peaceably together, then my said son, Christian Frantz, or his heirs, shall pay or cause to be paid unto Magdalena, my beloved wife, yearly and every year the sum of 10# in lieu for the aforesaid mentioned articles which he was to give her yearly, as long as she remains a widow.

Item. It is further my will and I do order that the aforesaid 100# which I have bequeathed unto Magdalena, my beloved wife, shall be entirely for herself and her heirs, so that she may







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Christian I

Christian II

Christian III

Mathias IV

VI Henry.

VII Amos + Nora Frantz

Sarah Frantz m Wm Frantz  
Oliver (deceased in 1970)

VIII

Generation I Christians b 1788, 1796 d Sept 1883

Elizabeth Cretz 1798 Ap 23 1889

Hyden Weager Jan 27, 1802 Oct 19, 1883

Henry Frantz July 20, 1803 July 22, 1848

Jacob " Oct 6, 1806 July 10, 1873

Maria Am Schaffer Aug 25, 1808, Feb 27, 1897

Elias Frantz July 30, 1812 Ap 19, 1883

Isaac Frantz July 3, 1815 Aug 10, 1879

(cousins) Minnie Ziegler

Henry Reaney

(nieces) Grace Wright } sisters

Laura Pfautz }

nephew - David Frantz (son of Elias VII)

Washington D.C.

Mother's notes from - Penn Frantz (died 1970)



3-60

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt  
 To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

**HUSBAND** (full name) Frantz, Elias (3-60) (Tanner)

Born (date) 20 July 1812 Place Talpehocken Twp, Berks Co, Pa

Chr. (date) Brethren Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. (date) 18 Oct 1832 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died (date) 14 Apr 1893 (82) Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

**HUSBAND'S FATHER** (full name) Frantz, Matthias (3-43)

**HUSBAND'S MOTHER** (full maiden name) Boeshore, Elizabeth

**HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES** \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** (full maiden name) Hunsicker, Katherine

Born (date) 3 Apr 1815 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chr. (date) Brethren Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died (date) 11 Nov 1886 (71) Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE'S FATHER** (full name) Hunsicken, Phillip

**WIFE'S MOTHER** (full maiden name) Noll, Mary Ann

**WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS** \_\_\_\_\_

SEX M F	full names CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
	List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth	Order of Birth	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES										
1	3-62	Frantz, Mary	15	July	1839				Sandoz, John	25	SEP	1898 (59)
2	3-63	Parilla H	2	OCT	1840				Brus, Loring	2	May	1916 (75)
3	3-64	Isaac H	26	OCT	1842				Miller, Amma Linn	18	May	1901 (58)
4	3-65	Henry H	23	Apr	1845				Badorf, Rebecca	21	Feb	1918 (72)
5	3-66	Elias H	13	March	1847				Footman, Mary	26	Dec	1903 (56)
6	3-67	Jacob H	4	July	1849				Weidman, Martha	Nov	1935	(86)
7	3-68	Catherine H	9	OCT	1852				Ziegler, Phillip	29	Jan	1920 (67)
8	3-69	Josiah H	25	OCT	1854				Smeltzer, Mary	22	May	1929 (74)
9	3-70	Israel H	1	Apr	1857				Bordner, Kate	4	June	1940 (83)
10	3-71	Addison H.	23	Jan	1859				Segar, Kate	2	July	1942 (83)
11	3-72	William H. X	13	March	1861				died young.	18	March	1861 (0)

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**  
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**OTHER MARRIAGES**  
Isaac H to Amberger, Lydia  
Henry H to Merkey, Lydia

FAMILY  
 GROUP  
 RECORD



M. K. FRANTZ, son of Henry and Catharine (Kline) Frantz, was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., August 2, 1837, on the farm on which his father Henry, his grandfather Mathew, his great-grandfather Christian, and his great-great-grandfather Christian, Sr., lived and farmed. The deed for this tract of land was secured by Christian, Sr., in the year 1760, it being a patent deed granted by Thomas and John Penn, son and grandson of William Penn, the founder of the province of Pennsylvania. The deed has been handed from one generation to another, and is now in the possession of M. K. Frantz, the present owner of the land. About 1775, some fifteen years after the first title was obtained, Christian Frantz, Sr., devised the farm to his son, Christian, who about fifteen years later moved to Virginia.

Mathew Frantz, the grandfather of M. K. Frantz, was born on the old farm, and learned the potter's trade. Besides the attention he gave to the operation of his farm he found time to manufacture crocks, which he sold not only to the people in Berks county but across the Blue mountains to the people in Schuylkill county. The clay from which they were manufactured is still found in abundance along Beaver Creek, which runs through the farm.

Henry Frantz, father of M. K. Frantz, was born in 1803, and lived until 1890, being over eighty-seven years old. He was born on the original tract of land, and there lived all his life, respected by all with whom he came in contact.

M. K. Frantz assisted his parents on the farm. In the early days of the common school system, the three or four months the school was kept open afforded only a limited amount of education to the farmer boys. In Mr. Frantz's case this was supplemented by a term of twelve weeks at the Myers-town Academy, conducted by Peter B. Witmer, after which at the age of seventeen years he commenced teaching in the common schools, and for seven successive seasons he was teaching in Berks and Lebanon counties. In the year 1860 he ventured in the produce business, buying country produce and shipping it to Philadelphia and New York. In January, 1865, he also embarked in the mercantile business, and was continually in the produce and mercantile business until the year 1897, when his sons acquired the business that he for a period of thirty-seven years conducted successfully. His entire attention was then directed toward his farms and farming, until the spring of 1899, when he rented the farm and again went into the produce commission business, with headquarters at the Reading Terminal Market, Philadelphia. He is enjoying a prosperous business, having shippers from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, who consign various kinds of country produce to be sold on commission.



PALATINES TO AMERICA IMMIGRANT FILE

% Arta F. Johnson, 153 Aldrich Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio, 43214

Immigrant Daniel Frantz

Mrs. Robert Frantz F-75  
~~Name of member descendant~~

Child of Henry Frantz - (Killed by Indians in Lebanon Co. Pa.)

and (maiden name) Unknown

Born when \_\_\_\_\_ Where Lebanon Co. Pa. (?)

Married when \_\_\_\_\_ where Union Co., Pa.

Died when \_\_\_\_\_ where Jefferson Co., Pa. (Paradise)

Came to US year \_\_\_\_\_ ship \_\_\_\_\_ port \_\_\_\_\_

Resided Pa. \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation Lutheran

Spouse Catherine Shafer

Child of John Shafer

and (maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Born when \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_

Died when \_\_\_\_\_ where Jefferson Co., Pa. (Paradise)

Came to US year \_\_\_\_\_ ship \_\_\_\_\_ port \_\_\_\_\_



Children (use back of sheet if necessary)	Born When & where Give town, county, state, country	Died when & where state, country	To whom married when & where
1. Henry	Union Co. Pa. Selinsgrove	Snyder Co., Pa.	
2. Eve		Clearfield Co., Pa.	John Armstrong
3. Daniel	About 1810	Paradise Pa. 1871	Lydia Swartz <i>ca 1825</i> Union Co., Pa.
4. Joseph	Ca 1802	Clearfield Co., Pa.	Leah (?)
5. George	5-21-1820	Jefferson Co., Pa.	Juliann b. ca 1831, Pa.
6. John	1803 Selinsgrove, Pa.	1874, Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa.	(1) Mary Steffey (d. Union Co) (2) Rachel Hefley
7.			
8.			

Note: Snyder formed from Union Co., 1855 (over)

USE BACK OF SHEET FOR YOUR SOURCE(S) OF INFORMATION.



1- Henry - (no more info)

2- Eve -

3- Daniel & Lydia (Swartz) children

1- Israel b 1840 Pa

2- (K) Catherine b 1842 Pa m. John Prantz

3- Harrison b 10-29-1845 Pa. d 9-8-1924 Troutville, Pa m  
Caroline C Shively 1872

4- Daniel b 1847 Pa killed by a falling tree - not married

5- Elizabeth b 1-14-1844 d 8-2-1925 Polk City, Ia. m Levi Prantz ca 1879

6- Barbara b 1861 Pa d 1926 Troutville, Pa. m George Haag, Pa. (son of Geo)

Bob's grandfathers → Henry Milton b 9-7-1855, Pa d 12-18-1932, Polk Co, Ia. m - Harmina  
Jane Brown 11-20-1884 Polk Co, Ia.

8- Lydia Ann b 5-11-1864 (5-24-1863) E Troutville, Pa. d 4-2-1901 Polk Co Ia.  
m Frank Leslie Elmsted (Elmstead) 2-14-1882 Polk Co Ia.

(Susan m Adam Welder - I have been told but no record)

4- Joseph & Leah children

1- George b ca 1835 Pa (all<sup>ch</sup> thought to be born Union Co.)

2- Daniel b ca 1838 Pa all families moved to Jefferson

3- Leah ca 1840 Pa Co. by 1850 census.

4- Joseph ca 1842 Pa

5- William ca 1846 Pa.

5- George and Julia Ann children

1- Levi b 3-10-1845 Union Co(?) d 10-31-1910 Polk Co Ia.

2- Eliza b ca 1847 Union Co(?) d St Joseph, Mo. (da. of Daniel)  
m- John (Welder) (Welter) 1868, Jeff Co. Pa.

3- Eli b ca 1846 Union Co(?) (name changed due to mistake on  
civil war papers.)

4- Thomas b ca 1856 Jeff Co(?)

5- Robert b ca 1857 "

6- Charlotte b ca 1859 "

7- Catherine b ca 1861 "

8- Elizabeth b ca 1863 "

6- John & Mary (Steffey) children (wife #1)

1- Amos d Jefferson Co.

2- Eli d " "

3- Elizabeth d Union Co. m Samuel Fayer

4- Susannah d Clearfield Co m James McCracken

5- Mary

6- John d Clearfield Co.

7- Daniel d Colorado

8- Jacob b 8-20-1838, Selinsgrove, Pa. d (after 1911) Clearfield twp  
7-11-1861 d/o Geo. H.

John or wife #2 Rachel Hefley (of Union Co) d Butler Co Clearfield Co.)

1- Catherine b 8-20-1838, Selinsgrove, Pa. d Clearfield twp Butler Co. m.  
Thomas Collins



Evelyn Rosemary Frantz  
7225 New Castle Road  
Lafayette, Indiana, 47905

505 N W 55th Pl.  
Des Moines, Ia. 50313  
Jan. 19, 1981

Dear Rosemary,

Now that Christmas is over, I am getting back to Family History. Thank you for answering my query. I have been working on this a long time and find the Christian and Matthias Frantz families are well documented, but have found nothing to link them to our family. Have corresponded with several others who are having similiar luck. With a couple of exceptions they do not link with ours either. I have just in the last two years found out about our Jefferson Co. relatives, although the relationship isn't that distant. Bobs (my husband) grandfather came here from Pa. and had went back once in 1924, and the younger generations hadn't kept in touch. (My mother put the ad in the Trader and used my husbands name, although I do all the letter writing.)

Now to the information you sent. The Babtism of George is our family, but the others I do not know about. I have some records of Union Co., but haven't fit them in. John and Jacob could have been brothers of Daniel, Sr. According to Census records, the whole family of Daniel, Sr. went to Jefferson Co. by the 1850 Census. (Ards 1848)

My best source of information to date is from the "History of Indiana County, Pa.", in part:

Henry Frantz, the first of the name of whom there is record, lived in Lebanon Co., and was there killed by the Indians.

Daniel Frantz, son of Henry Frantz, was born in Lebanon Co., and there grew to manhood, learning the trade of miller. He came to what was then a portion of Union Co., Pa., Married Catherine Shafer, and settled down about ten miles north of Selinsgrove, now included in Snyder Co. There he followed his trade of miller for years, and also worked as a millwright. Later he moved to Jefferson Co., etc. His remains were laid to rest in Paradise Cemetery, in Jefferson Co, and his wife lies by his side."

About Henry, son of Anthony, I checked on the children and he did not have a son Daniel. However, in Anthonys history it said he had two brothers, but did not name the two, so there is a possibility there. How to find out is the problem.

Am sending copies of sheets I prepared for the "Palantines of Am." They name all of Daniels children and on the back I wrote their children. Most of the information came from the above article, but some of the data we gathered from cemetery visits. Daniel, Sr. and Daniel, Jr. graves are supposed to be at Paradise, but are not marked.

Three of Daniel Jr. children came to Polk Co., Ia. Henry, being Bobs grandfather.

That is the extent of the information I have been able to gather. None of them seem to have went on into Ohio and Ind. as did the Christian and other branches.

Best Wishes,

*Joan Frantz*

12-24 Henry FRANTZ, killed by Indians, Lebanon Co. PA, son, Daniel m. Catherine SHAFER and liv. Selinsgrove, Union Co, 1800. Later, Jefferson Co., with family. Henry, Eve (ARMSTRONG), John, Daniel, Joseph, George. Need info on this family. Robert Frantz, 505 N. W. 55th Place, Des Moines, IA 50513.  
(51-12)



# Palatines to America

## ANCESTOR CHART

Member No.  
& Chart No.

F-75 #1

Name Mrs. Robert Frantz

Address 505 N W 55th Pl.

City, State Des Moines, Ia. 50313

Date 9-10-1980

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same

person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Father of 1)  
2 Oscar Allen Frantz  
Born 8-23-1896  
At Polk Co., Ia.  
Died 3-20-1970  
At Des Moines, Ia.  
Res. Des Moines, Ia. (Polk Co.)

1 Robert Allen Frantz  
Born 1-22-1931  
At Des Moines, Ia.  
Died  
At  
Res.

Mary Joan Blubaugh

Name of Spouse

(Mother of 1)

3 Annie Louise Heidman

Born 2-16-1893  
At Grimes, Ia. (Polk Co.)  
Died 8-17-1975  
At Des Moines, Ia.  
Mar. 6-28-1927  
At Grimes, Ia.

(Father of 2)  
4 Henry Milton Frantz

Born 9-7-1855 (1856)  
At Jefferson Co., Pa.  
Died 12-18-1932  
At Des Moines, Ia.  
Res. Polk Co., Ia.

(Mother of 2)  
5 Harminda Jane Brown

Born 3-30-1868  
At Polk Co., Ia.  
Died 7-19-1950  
At Des Moines, Ia.  
Mar. 11-20-1844  
At Polk Co., Ia.

(Father of 3)  
6 Frank Henry Heidman

Born 4-22-1863  
At  
Died 11-?-1934  
At  
Res.

(Mother of 3)  
7 Laura B. Howard

Born 10-14-1867  
At  
Died 2-24-1952  
At  
Mar. 5-1-1890  
At

8 Daniel Frantz

Born 1810  
At Union Co., Pa.  
Died 1871  
At Jefferson Co., Pa. (Paradise Res. Jefferson Co., Pa.)

9 Lydia Swartz

Born 1825  
At Pa.  
Died  
At Paradise, Pa.  
Mar. Union Co., Pa. (?)  
At

10 Henry Kirk Brown

Born 5-9-1842  
At Vermillion Co., Ill.  
Died 12-26-1893  
At Polk Co., Ia.  
Res. Polk Co., Ia.

11 Susana Lynn

Born 1850  
At Iowa  
Died 4-10-1873  
At Polk City, Ia.  
Mar. 11-3-1867  
At Polk Co., Ia.

12 George Henry Heidman

Born 7-19-1835  
At Essern-Hanover, Ger.  
Died  
At  
Res.

13 Anna Susannah Weiser

Born  
At  
Died 1916  
At  
Mar. 1-9-1862  
At

14 John Graves Howard

Born 8-15-1825  
At  
Died 6-24-1900  
At  
Res.

15 Caltha Hudnell (wife #1)

Born 1-17-1830  
At  
Died 9-14-1878  
At  
Mar.

#2. Mrs. Canfield

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# Palatines to America

Name Mrs. Robert Frantz  
 Address 505 N W 55th Pl.  
 City, State Des Moines, Ia. 50313  
 Date 9-10-1980

## ANCESTOR CHART

Member No.  
 & Chart No.

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same  
 person as No. 8 on chart No. 1

F-75 #2

(Father of 2)  
 4 Henry Frantz  
 Born Appx. 1750-1760  
 At  
 Died Lebanon Co., Pa. 9  
 At  
 Res.  
 (Killed by Indians)

8  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Res.  
 Cont. on chart #

(Father of 1)  
 2 Daniel Frantz  
 Born Appx. 1780  
 At Lebanon Co. Pa.  
 Died  
 At Jefferson Co., Pa.  
 Res. Jeff. Co. (Paradise)

Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Mar.  
 At  
 Cont. on chart #

(Mother of 2)  
 5

Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Mar.  
 At

10  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Res.  
 Cont. on chart #

11  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Mar.  
 At  
 Cont. on chart #

Daniel Frantz

Born 1810  
 At Union Co. (Near Selinsgrove, Pa.)  
 Died 1871  
 At Jeff. Co., Pa. (Paradise)  
 Res. Jefferson Co., Pa.

(Father of 3)

Lydia Swartz

Name of Spouse

6 John Shafer

Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Res.

12  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Res.  
 Cont. on chart #

13  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Mar.  
 At  
 Cont. on chart #

(Mother of 1)

3 Catherine Shafer

Born Appx. 1780  
 At  
 Died  
 At Jeff. Co., Pa. (Paradise)  
 Mar.  
 At Union Co., Pa.

(Mother of 3)  
 7

Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Mar.  
 At

14  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Res.  
 Cont. on chart #

15  
 Born  
 At  
 Died  
 At  
 Mar.  
 ..  
 Cont. on chart #



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The Frantz Lineage

*5000 Chestnut Frantz 2 III*

I John Frantz born  
m. 1819 died

Esther Stover born

*Her 2nd m. 1824 11 Mar*

A Christopher Stover born Jan. 18, 1816 Botetourt Co. VA.  
died Jan. 13, 1900 at Arcola, ILL.

md Aug. 4, 1836 Washington Co. IND

Polly Wright

born  
died Feb. 7, 1879 age 59 yrs 3 mos & 14 days.

1 Evans W

Wash. Cty

2 Andrew R

" "

3 Samuel F

md Mar. 8, 1872

Jennie Douins

a George Frantz

b Nancy Frantz

4 Isaac L

" "

5 a boy

died before 1900

6 a "

" " 1900

7 " "

" " 1800

8 " "

" " 1900

9 ? SP Jennie

md Humphry South Dakota

10 Sara A

md Hollowell of Rushy Fork

11 Lizzie

nd Dillner near Arcola

B William H Frantz born 1816 Botetourt Co. VA

died 20 March 1895

md Washington County IND 30 Nov. 1843

Nancy Martin born Shelby County KY  
died 1860

*Montias beisen. Walter Ind.  
prominent preacher  
Wash. Co Ind.*

da/o James and Frances Belles  
(?Bellesfelt)

1 Elizabeth Frantz born in 1845 Washington County IND

Md Jan. 2, 1881 Washington County IND

James Leach (Leech)

a Wilbur Leach

1

2

4

b Henry Leach died in hunting accident--shot by eldon Frantz

and yet A in this listing is really

Mrs. G. Carter Pratt  
735 Castleman Drive  
Westfield, NJ 07090



857-6  
AARON B. FRANTZ.

Aaron B. Frantz, a pioneer teacher of nearly forty-four years experience in his native county, as well as the proprietor and operator of one hundred acres of land in that county, was born on February 14, 1852, near Bear Creek, Jackson township, Washington county, Indiana. He is the son of William H. and Nancy (Martin) Frantz, the former a native of Botetourt county, Virginia, born in 1816, and the latter a native of Shelbyville, Shelby county, Kentucky, born in 1815.

The paternal grandfather, John Frantz, died when his son, William H., was quite young, and his widow, Esther (Stover) Frantz, having been married to Joshua Lee, moved with her family to Washington county, when William H. was ten years of age.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Upon attaining manhood, William H. became a farmer and carpenter in Jackson township as well as engaging somewhat in the ministerial duties of the Christian church. He died in Smithville at the home of a daughter after having reached the age of nearly eighty years. For many years he had served as trustee of Jackson township. His wife, Nancy (Martin) Frantz, was born in the Blue Grass state in 1815, a daughter of James and Frances (Belless) Martin, early settlers in Jackson township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Frantz died in 1860 after having borne her husband two sons and two daughters, as follow: Elizabeth, the wife of James Leach, of Indianapolis; James T., who died at the age of thirteen years; Mrs. Esther Voyles, a resident of Jeffersonville, and Aaron B., the subject of this sketch.

Reared on his father's farm in Jackson township until the age of seventeen years, Aaron B. Frantz then attended Bedford Male and Female College, of Bedford, Indiana, for two and one-half years, and upon leaving college engaged in farming during the summer months and teaching during the winter months. He has continued teaching for forty-four years, all but three terms in Jackson township, and has the credit of instructing two generations of the people of his community. One year after his marriage he resided in Bedford for a period of one year, and also resided in Glasgow, Kentucky, in 1889, but otherwise has lived his entire life in his native township. The proprietor of one hundred acres of land, he has engaged in general farming and dairying and has specialized in breeding Jersey cattle.

In 1875 Aaron B. Frantz was united in marriage to Lucy J. Shepherd, who was born in Jackson township, Washington county, in 1853, the daughter of James and Sarah (Rippy) Shepherd, the former of whom was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, in 1816, and came with his parents to Jackson township when one year of age, and the latter a native of Tennessee, who came to this country with her parents, John and Elizabeth (Robinson) Rippy, when she was ten years of age, settling near the South Liberty church. To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Frantz have been born two sons and one daughter, as follow: James Kent, a mail clerk on the Monon railroad, residing at Michigan City, who married Clara McKay; Bruce C., a graduate of the Illinois University, a druggist of Salem, and Addie, who is a teacher residing at home with her parents and who was graduated from the State Normal School at Terre Haute.

Aaron B. Frantz is identified with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Eastern Star. Mrs. Frantz is a devoted member of the Christian church.

Stover Brethren  
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George Taylor Frantz born 4-5-1897 Green Co.IND  
died 12-11-1969 Monroe Co.TIN

md 11-27-1920

Margaretta Nichols

d/o Charles Sleade Nichols & Ida Burch  
son of Elder AARON FRANTZ & Lenora Anne Hainey  
residence also Heltonville, and Bloomington IND  
& VET of U.S.Navy W W I

ch.1 Barbara Jeane b 8-17-1921 Monroe Co.

d 9-13-1921 "

2 Margarette M born 4-3-1923 Montoe Co.

md 5-24-1945

Rex Byrd born 3-24-1922 Orange Co.IND

3 Gloria Joan born 9-9-1924 Monroe Co.IND

md 11-0-1945

William G Ramsey born 1-25-1923 Monroe Co.IND

Margarette Frantz

1006 S Lincoln

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Biography  
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School Teacher  
& Respected Person

Born Oct. 1. Weehock.

a Elden Aaron Frantz b Mar. 18, 1869 Washington County IND  
md Nov. 1, 1892 Monroe Co. IND d March 11, 1949 Jefferson County IND bu K off Cen  
Anna Hainey Smithville IND

(1) Carl Frantz born Aug. 23, 1894 Monroe County  
died 1952 Chicago ILL  
md 1817 or 18  
Cleta Garberson

(2) Twin to Carl a girl not named and died in infancy

(3) George Taylor Frantz b Apr. 5, 1897 Monroe Co. IND  
d Dec. 11, 1969 " " "  
md Nov. 1, 1920 Monroe Co. IND  
Margarett Nichols

(4) Elizabeth Frantz born Nov. 18, 1899  
md 1929  
Norse Barrett

(a) James Eldon born July 31, 1930  
md  
Strawsie May Flynn (Her second Marriage)

(5) Nellie Mildred born Jan. 26, 1902 died Mar. 12, 1941 Monroe Co. IND

(6) Kpuce (Martin?) Frantz born November 30, 1904 Monroe Co. IND  
died March 10, 1914 " " " "

(7) Jessie Frantz born May 1, 1909 Monroe Co. IND

md Sept. 27, 1929  
Rex Simms

(a) Billie Frantz Simms born July 9, 1930  
md Sept. 21, 1951  
Patty Ann Burch

a Billy Michael Simms born Aug. 28, 1954 Monroe Co. IND  
b Jacquelyn Ann Simms born July 28, 1956 Monroe Co. IND  
c Deborah Sue Simms born July 27, 1959 Monroe Co. IND  
d Vickie Lynn Simms born June 26, 1962 Monroe Co. IND

(8) Catherine Lois Frantz born Aug. 20, 1909 Monroe Co. IND  
married 1929 Monroe Co. IND

Donovan Oral Gooldy

(a) Roger Dennis Gooldy born Mar. 15, 1930 Monroe Co. IND  
a boy  
b girl

(b) Walter Raymond Gooldy born May 4, 1932 Monroe Co. IND  
md March 1959 Fort Riley Kansas  
Ilene Coambes

divorced Gooding City Idaho Oct. 17, 1961  
2nd md May 4, 1968

Patricia Alice Van Treese

a Sherida Lynn Gooldy born May 11, 1957 Ft. Riley Kansas  
b Donna Rae Gooldy born Feb. 8, 1959 El Paso Texas



Among the business men of initiative and administrative ability, who have contributed their share to the commercial progress of Salem, is Bruce C. Frantz, who is a descendant of a family whose name is prominently linked with the pioneer history of Washington county. Mr. Frantz is a man whose standing in business is such as to gain for him the highest degree of public confidence and trust. Not only in the business world has he become popular, but also as a representative in fraternal, club and social circles. Bruce C. Frantz was born on August 2, 1881, in Jackson township, Washington county, not far from Palmyra, in Harrison county. He is the son of A. B. Frantz and Lucy J. (Shepherd) Frantz. His father was born in Jackson township, Washington county, in 1852, and is the son of William and Mary (Martin) Frantz. William Frantz came to Martinsburg, Jackson township, with his parents when a small boy, having been born in the eastern part of

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Virginia. In the township where the Frantz family first settled, William Frantz became one of the pioneer preachers of the Christian church. Preaching in the pioneer days was an occupation of many hardships and one whose duties required long journeys through unsettled regions of the state. With the assistance of L. J. Martin, Mr. Frantz organized the Christian church at Martinsburg, where L. J. Martin, who was a brother of Mrs. Frantz, was also a popular preacher.

A. B. Frantz, the father of Bruce C., is well known as a teacher in Jackson township, where he has been actively identified with school interests for over forty years. He has also been interested in farming, an occupation he follows on a small scale. The wife of Mr. Frantz, Lucy Shepherd, was born in Jackson township, the daughter of James and Sarah (Rippy) Shepherd, the former of whom was a descendant of Scotch-Irish and English stock, who settled in Virginia. Little is known concerning the Rippy branch of the family, except that the original members in this country settled in Tennessee. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are: James K., Adda and Bruce C.

After completing the common school branches in the public schools of Jackson township, Bruce C. Frantz attended the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, where he qualified for the profession of teaching. For five years following his completion of the teacher's course, Mr. Frantz taught school. In 1905 he entered the University of Illinois, where he took a course in pharmacy. Later he extended his training to the School of Pharmacy at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1907. Until 1908 Mr. Frantz gained experience as a drug clerk in one of the Chicago firms, and at the end of that time came to Salem, where he followed the same employment until 1910. In the latter year Mr. Frantz opened the drug store, which he now owns, on the public square at Salem. His ability as a business man has been recognized by the citizens of Salem, who have given him the widest patronage.

On February 23, 1911, Bruce Frantz was united in marriage to Helen Helfman, a native of Salem, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Tiernan) Helfman, both of whom were born in Washington county. Frank Helfman, who was a brick contractor, passed away in 1903, and his wife still resides in Salem.

Mr. Frantz has never permitted his business interests to narrow his social life, but takes an active part in fraternal affairs of the community. He holds membership in the Masonic fraternity in the Knights of Pythias

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Bruce C



January 24, 1987

Evelyn Rosemary Frantz  
217 Rairington Court # 17  
Lafayette, IN 47905

Dear Rosemary,

Thank you for your recent note about the Frantz family, and the copy of the chart from the Mathias Frantz book. You are due much credit, as busy as you are, to take the time to respond to queries, although I know what an authority you are on the Frantz family.

As you say the chart does contain some errors, and I note a typo for John (IV) who m. Esther Stover. Rather than a death date of "1730", he d. between 24 Mar. 1821 when he signed a deed in Botetourt Co. and 11 Mar. 1824 when his widow Esther Lee m. (2) Joshua Lee there. I have this through court action on the Will of her father William Stover, the fact that Esther Lee was his daughter, that is.

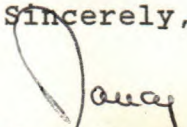
I was able to follow the Lees and some of the Frantz descendants of John into IN, discovering that Ray Gooldy was a member of this family. He was kind enough to send some information which was helpful. I had hoped that he might have data for Esther and Joshua Lee and their probable children, but he apparently did not or did not respond to that question. I have been unable to find anything on their deaths and burials, probably in Bartholomew Co. in IN, or their children.

I shall look for the Mathias Frantz book in Salt Lake when we go there the end of Feb., and hopefully it may touch on some of the Stovers and Lees of VA and IN.

My thanks again for your help, and I return your postage for another day. I recall we have been in touch on the Frantz-es before, and you must have an enormous amount of material for them. It is great to be able to specialize that way.

Best wishes for a happy and productive 1987.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Nancy B. Fratt  
735 Castleman Drive  
Westfield, NJ 07090

*See Jan 7 1987*  
*See [unclear] over*



Jashen Lee  
Eate

1840 - Lee Wash p 265  
male 1 5-10 7 10-15  
1 40/50 1 15-20  
1 40-50

1850 Jackson - 275  
57 1/2 yeoman

68  
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Easter 57 Pa  
John A 20 Late ~~Jack~~

Lee mtr.

Male  
2 mtr 5-10  
1 mtr 30-40

Les 1830  
Indiana 1840  
1850 Wash. Jane  
Wm H Frantz  
Nancy Martin  
1850 William H Frantz  
Wash - 288 Jackson 57 1/2

Wash Co 1830

John 610  
John 63X  
Jane 578  
William 610

Rachel - 598

Jashen - 100 132

Jack  
1 5-10  
2 10-15  
1 -30-40

total 9

Frantz 13 - mtr 13-37  
William

39 Isaac

mt 1 15-18 1/2  
2 1/2

Christoph 15/16  
William 16/17  
Isaac 1820

- mt 1836  
mt 1843  
mt. 1842

9/1095 - Last Year



(c) Monovan Jerry Gooldy born Sept. 9, 1934 Monroe Co. IND  
md  
Madge King (her 2nd md no children)

(d) Alice Gooldy born Oct. 21, 1936 Austin Texas,  
md  
Richard Finley  
a Dennis Finley  
b Alice Finley  
c Jeff Finley

2 Esther A Frantz born about 1849 in IND  
md Apr. 25, 1867 Washington Co. IND  
Milton Voyles

3 Aaron B Frantz born Feb. 14, 1852 Washington Co. IND d July 8, 1918 Wash. Co. IND  
md May 20, 1875 Wash. Co. IND  
Lucy J Shephard

a James Kent Frantz born in 1877 Wash. Co. IND  
md  
Clara McKay (Mosier?) born

b William B Frantz born 1879 Wash. Co. IND

← c Bruce C Frantz born Aug. 2, 1881 Wash. Co. IND  
md Feb. 23, 1911  
Helfman

d Adda Frantz born May 26, 1886 Wash. Co. IND  
md July 27, 1918  
John Parsons

Schoolteacher

C Isaac G Frantz born about 1820  
md Mar. 18, 1842  
Eliza Voyles

1 Mary L Frantz born ab 1843

2 William M Frantz born ab 1845

3 Peter L Frantz born ab 1849

4 James J Frantz born ab 1847

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# HUSBAND'S NAME

Benjamin Bashor

When Born 16 Nov. 1768

Where

Penn.

(Husband's Full Name)

Christened

Where

When Died

1822

Where

Benks co., Penn.

(Wife's Maiden Name)

When Buried

Where

When Married

1791

Where

This information obtained from  
"our Garst Family"

Other Wives (if any)  
Number (1) (2) etc.

His Father

Jacob Bashor

His Mother's Maiden Name

Christina Alderfer - Bashor in Martin's Book

## WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

Barbara Frantz

When Born

14 May 1771

Where

Christened

Where

When Died

1843

Where

When Buried

Where

Other Husb. (if any)  
Number (1) (2) etc.

Her Father

Christian III 1743-1821

Her Mother's Maiden Name

Anne Moyer

Benks Co. - Bettsmuth

Date

Compiler Mrs. Imogene Young

Address 6917 W. Arrowhead

City Kennewick State Wash. 99336

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED* Day Month Year	Married
	1 Christiana	12 Sept 1792				16 Dec 1792	Date To
	2 George	23 Sept 1793					Date To
	3 Elizabeth	28 Dec 1794				31 Jan 1797	Date To
	4 Benjamin	6 April 1796				31 Jan 1797	Date To
	5 Bence	oct 1797					Date To Mary ?
	6 Marilis	20 June 1799					Date To
	7 Christian	8 Dec 1800			Penn		Date To Elizabeth ?
	8 Jacob	20 Feb 1802			Penn		Date To Sarah NOFFSINGER
*	9 Henry	10 Dec 1803			Penn		Date To
	10 Barbara	27 Oct 1806			Penn		Date To ? SIMPSON
	11 Anna	4 May 1808			Penn		Date To David GARST
	12 John	14 Mar 1810			Penn.		Date To Elizabeth SIMAMON
	13 Michael	16 Sept 1811					Date To 27 Dec. 1841 Sarah GARST
	14 Isaac	6 June 1813					Date To 1840 Mary Ann CLARK (Gwen)

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children

my  
line

Family Group Sheet, Form F2  
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\*If burial date is known on children and not death date, write  
burial date, prefix (Bur). Use reverse side for additional info.

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P  
Bashor







Christian Frantz

March 26, 1812

da Anna b 4/19/1779 m John Wertz b August 23, 1767 d April 12, 1862  
buried in Cave Spring Cem-Roanoke Co. Va (Pri. on Homestead)

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Isaac b Feb. 23, 1813 m went west

Mary

Christian

Neah Frantz

Anna

John Wertz 1st m Elizabeth Stetler b d 1808

ch

1 Abraham b April 6, 1789 wnt west

2 Elizabeth b Sept. 13, 1790 m and went west

3 Anna Catherine b July 8, 1792 d singel march 1881 came Cem.

4 Jacob b Setp. 20, 1794 no further record

5 Conrad b Sept. 20, 1794 --

6 William b June 15, 1800 --

7 Anna Barbara b April 2 1802 m Shoemaker/a da & Both d

8 John b march 6, 1804 m see back of card

9 Adam b Aug. 16, 1806 m and went west.

source Mrs Robert Ungere Wooster, Ohio 44691



John # m and had choldren The writer is rather certain  
tha Kyles Griffin Wertz b July 1\_, 1848, and ~~died Nov. 9, 1903~~  
m Jan. 23, 1879 to Lutie J Poage  
da of George and Ellen Poage of Poage's Mill  
more but can not read .



Pontotoc Co. Miss 1850

FRANTZ

934-934 FRANTZ, BENJAMIN 38 MW Tenn Label

LORISA 32 FW SC

JEPHtha 8 MW ALA

HENRY 7 MW MISS

SEIMON? 2 MW MISS



\*rantz, Isaac G Washington Jackson 287

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Ely - 28 Feb

Mary L. - 7

Wm M - 5

Peter L - 11/11/2

James W - 21



E.W. Ranck, 1614 Crescent Ave, Ft. Wayne,

Ind. 46805 who has his Frantz line back to Michael Frantz born 1687 in Canton of Basle, Switzerland. He has been all over Europe including Basle, Switzerland, came down the Rhine River as the Frantzes did to Holland. This Frantz data is in the book "Our Ancestors" by E. William Ranck.

Also Mrs. Dale L. Royer, R. 3 Box 54, Goshen, Ind. 46526 who is descended from the same line and has the data in her Cripe book.

There is also a book "Our Garst Family" which has Frantz data in it. Just recently a friend of mine purchased this book. Her father is now reading the book but she said she would let me look at it when she got it back.