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Miss Evelyn Rosemary Trantz,
7225 New Castle Road,
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Dear Miss Trantz:

Thank you for your letter and interest in the Trantz clan. My mother's mother was Mary Trantz, before she married my grandfather, Isaac C. Cripe of North Manchester, Ind. Grandfather Cripe bought out the other heirs to the Trantz farm and built the three story brick home there in 1876. You see it on the north side of Hwy 114 a mile and a half west of North Manchester. Early Trantzes were buried in the Cripe cemetery there on the north side of the road. Other Trantzes are in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at the West Manchester Church of the Brethren, a mile west of N. Manchester.

I have a few copies available, of "Our Ancestors", which has the genealogy and much else of interest about the Trantzes. It was published by our library so that they, and the Newberry Library of Chicago could have copies. These two libraries and the Mormon Library and the Library of Congress, are said to be the four greatest on genealogy in America. You should visit it. I can send you a copy if you wish, price \$5.00.

Mr. Lester H. Binnie, Rt. 4, Albion, Ind. 46701 has written the book "Early Brethren Families in the Eel River Congregation in Kosciusko & Wabash Counties, Ind. He sells them for \$15.00 per copy. It has many references to Trantzes. Some copied from "Our Ancestors", others from grave stones etc. He did a laborious and good work. A useful book.

I just recently heard of the Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists' membership fee I believe is \$4.00 Add: Elizabeth Weigle, 318 Perry St., Elgin, Ill. 60120.

I wish you success in your very worthwhile efforts.

Sincerely,

E. W. Ranck

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From Evelyn Rosemary's info
Enlarged from small scrap of paper.

Source: HISTORY OF LOGAN CO., OHIO--Baskin Pub. 1880

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SAMUEL FRANTZ, tinner; De Graff; was born in Logan Co., O., near Bellefontaine, May 7, 1827. His parents, Abraham Frantz and Catherine (Houtz) Frantz, were both natives of Virginia; the third generation behind the present were natives of Switzerland. His father was a farmer, and Mr. Frantz passed his youth on his father's farm. At the age of 20 years he left home to learn the tinner's trade; he passed the period of his apprenticeship in Logansville, Huntsville and Bellefontaine; then for two years worked as journeyman-tinner in several different places, when he entered into partnership in Huntsville; the firm was known as Foster & Frantz; here he remained five years. It was at this place he married, April 3, 1852, Miss Mary Ann Leonard, who died in October, 1855, leaving him with two sons, since grown to maturity. Frank P. Frantz, who married Miss Sallie Gessner and is living in De Graff, and Sydney J. Frantz, who is working at the tinner's trade at LaRue. July 1st, 1856, he married Miss Harriet M. Evans; by this union there were two children--Miss Kate Frantz, who married S.K. Neer and resides in De Graff, and Charles A. Frantz, who died Oct. 27, 1879, aged 19 years. After the five years in Huntsville, he spent two years in journeyman-work; then in the spring of 1859 he engaged in business at West Liberty under the firm name of H.W. Jones & Co.; and afterward at Sidney on his own responsibility. This continued till the spring of 1862, when he sold out his business and the following two years he engaged in journeyman-work; it was here he was bereft of his companion Feb. 8, 1862. In 1864 he enlisted in the hundred-day service, 132nd O.N.G., and went through all their experiences at White House Landing, Bermuda Hundred, Petersburg and Richmond, and at the intrenched works near Norfolk; after this term of service had expired he returned to his home, and ten days after his arrival he was drafted and was connected with the 19th O.V.I., a regiment, by the way, which he never saw; when the detachment was on the way to join their regiment they were given into the command of Sherman, joined his army at Atlanta and with him marched to the sea; was mustered out at the close of the war; he returned home, and in the following October settled in business in De Graff. Jan. 19, 1866 he married Mrs. R.L. Thomas, of this place, and they have one son living--Sam. Cary Frantz, now 12 years of age, and one, Harry Frantz, who died when but 7 months old. On coming to De Graff, Mr. Frantz at first took charge of a tinshop which he soon purchased, and has since controlled; it embraces stoves, tin, glass and queensware. After this chequered experience Mr. Frantz has settled into a flourishing business which must bring him competency and comfort.

born in Connecticut, and in early life came with his parents to Washington Co., O., and later to Logan Co. His mother Martha (Campbell) Doan, was born in Washington Co., but her parents were native of Ireland. Mr. Doan has passed the major part of his life on a farm—he remained on his father's farm until 19 years of age, when he enlisted in Co., E. 45th O. V. I., in the army of the Cumberland, and was through the war. He was at the siege at Knoxville, and at Nashville. His regiment was soon detailed under Col. Woolford, to hold in check Morgan's raiders. He was taken prisoner by that force at Mt. Sterling, Ky. The place was surrounded, and after fighting, and under truce, surrender was demanded, but refused. The town was fired, and they were driven into closer quarters and compelled to surrender. The raiders now stole their suits and arms, and started with them to Charleston, S.C. After marching nearly a whole day, he was taken sick, and put in a wagon, and when the trains were doubling up a hill he stole two revolvers, and some ammunition, and escaped to the woods. The rebels pursued, but missed him. He was cared for by some negroes, till Union troops arrived, and thus was saved from the horrors of Libby and starvation, whither the rest of the force went; at Resaca he was wounded when on skirmish line, and lay in hospital till his regiment was discharged in the fall of 1864; when he returned to Miami Tp., to work upon the home place, and here built himself a home. In 1866 Nov. 20, he married Miss Mollie E. Lamphier, and they now have four children—John Sherman, Martha, May C., and Anna. In the spring of 1879 he sold the farm, and moved to De Graff to reside, at the same time purchasing another farm in Pleasant Tp., which he controls. He is held in esteem by his fellow citizens as a man of sterling worth.

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See Lester H. Binnie biographical sketch. Look for his book "Early Brethren Families in the Eel River Congregation of Kosciusco & Wabash Counties, Indiana."

Lorraine Frantz Edwards