

The Three Zug (Zook) Brothers of 1742 And Their Male Descendants Until 1850

ALSO

The 1768 Amish Almsbook



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INTRODUCTION

"YOUR LIFE IS WORTHLESS, IF NOT WOVEN IN THE FABRIC OF YOUR
ANCESTORS"....An Ancient Philosopher--name not recalled.

I have been interested in "our family history" all of my life. My earliest recollection is that I was aware of my GF's activities in researching, and writing the HISTORICAL part of DJH. Although I'll admit that my main interest at the time was the past dealing with Indians, I recall that he told me that he himself had seen only two indians, as a boy wandering through the hills of their farm (where I was born) in Holmes Co., Ohio. Although I was only 6 when he died in 1912 my clearest recollection of him is sitting at the desk in his study working on "ACH DAT BOOK" (as my grandma called it.)

Quoting from his "INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORICAL PART OF DJH, Page 15:

"Our ancestors sacrificed and endured much to establish religious liberty, and how we today should prize that liberty! The best history prepared at this time can give the reader but a faint idea of what our ancestors endured. Formerly our people were nearly all farmers; though a majority still follow that vocation, we now find them in every walk of life and scattered far and wide throughout the country. May they aspire to everything that is noble, never forsake the virtues of the fathers, and so live that the very name shall be a passport to respect and confidence. May they see to it that the history of the future may be as resplendent as that of the past."

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PREFACE

The chief purpose of this book is to summarize the results of efforts made by fellow researchers and myself, mainly on these topics:

1. The locations of the various farms of our immigrant ancestors and their children.
2. To correct, where found, previously published information. No serious effort, though, was made to challenge information given in earlier genealogies.
3. To give known facts, together with some items labelled as speculation, which might enable us to appreciate what kind of men these three brothers were. The same can be said of some of their progeny.
4. The progress made, or lack of it, in finding where they lived before emigrating.

Fortunately, John Hertzler, Sr. and Michael Zug started their research at a time when they could talk with 3rd generation descendants. Hertzler gleaned much information from his mother, who had clear recollections of her grandfather, Christian Zug, Sr., the 1742 immigrant. What an advantage! Because of this, I'm quoting in full (p.2-4) the letter John Hertzler sent to Michael Zug on April 17, 1880.

The reader will notice that except in a few places, I've given no genealogical information past 1850. A line had to be drawn someplace.

Attention should be called to:

1. A publication we can expect in a few years by Dr. Hugh F. Gingerich. This will cover the genealogical lines of ALL of the early Amish families, including succeeding generations who REMAINED AMISH, down to those born by 1850. This monumental task started many years ago. The work, to date, on the descendants of the three Zug brothers, is given on pages 138-163.
2. Michael Zug's compilation of the descendants of Ulrich, Christian, Johannes and Moritz Zug, during the 1880's, was never published. The original is now in the Lebanon Co. Pa. Historical Society. Many Zug researchers are acquainted with Jesse Zook (P.O. Box 26, Camden, Ind., 46917), a descendant of Ulrich, who plans to continue his research of Ulrich's line, and to perhaps publish the results.
3. Much information on descendants of the three brothers is given in the 1885 book by John Hertzler Sr. Some of this is not accurate -- as explained on later pages.
4. A monthly publication called "The Diary", R.I., Box 375, Gordonville, Pa. 17529. Compilers are Abner F. and Joseph F. Beiler & Amos E. Lapp (of Gordonville) and Amos L. Fisher of Ronks, Pa. All are active researchers and are Old Order Amish. The issues frequently include ancestral lines mentioned in this book.

5. Reprints of "Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler" are again available at the Gospel Book Store, Box 320, Berlin, Ohio 44610. This book lists many Zug-Zook families.

Except for my cousin, J. Virgil Miller (Saudi Arabia) and my friend Joseph F. Beiler (Gordonville, Pa.) I know of no one who shares my unusually strong interest in finding ancestral farms. It continues to be an exhilarating experience for me to walk on the soil where our ancestors trod; and to examine any original buildings, if such exist. Fortunately most of the places in interest to us are still productive farms.

In planning this manuscript it was my original intention to present the material in chronological order, starting with 1742; and to provide documentation (Warrants, Deeds, Wills, etc.) alongside the statement(s). But to do so would, to many, make for wearisome reading, so I've placed many of the latter on pages near the end.

The only part of Hertzler's letter that I doubt is the statement that the brothers "were sold for their passage money". As you will later see Johannes applied for land within 90 days after landing. Therefore I feel that all 3 brothers had money when they arrived in Philadelphia.

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Re-typed copy of letter (verbatim, with no changes in spelling or paragraph arrangement) sent by John Hertzler, Sr., to Michael Zug April 17, 1880

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Port Royal, Juniata Co. Pa. Apr. 17, 1880.

Friend Michael Zug, Lebanon Co. Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated Feb. 24, 80 came to hand and thank for the same, I am well and thank the Lord for His Blessing and Mercy to us all and hope the Lord may Bless you all the same. I will say please excuse me for not answering you sooner. But I will give reason for not doing it sooner on account of sickness in my sister and brothers family and both have died. I will answer your first request by way of introduction who I am if it is not improper which I hope it is not. I am a descendant of Jacob Hertzler who by reason of persecution and by persuasion a Amish Menonite minister who fled from Palatine France in the reign of Louis the 15 in the Ship St. Andrews, James Abercrombie Master, from Rotterdam Holland, and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1749 and moved to Bern township Lancaster Co. Pa., at this time Upper Bern Berks Co. 2 miles west from Hamburg on the Harrisburg Road and I am of the fourth generation. My father's name was Daniel Hertzler who was the son of Jacob and Barbara Hertzler of Upper Bern township, who was the son of Jacob and Catharine Hertzler who fled from France. Jacob Hertzler, my great grandfather had 4 children. 3 sons and one daughter called by name John and Jacob and Fanny and Christian. The Hertzlers in Lebanon County are the descendants of John Hertzler who was a brother of my grandfather. Jonathan Hertzler that lives near Richland Station, Lebanon Co., is a second cousin of mine. I suppose you know him. He has 2 sons, ministers in the German Baptist Church. John and William Hertzler. This answers your first.

My mother's name was Barbara Zug, a daughter of Christian and Magdalene Zug of East Whiteland township, Chester Co., Pa. who was elected minister at the age of 22 years of the Amish Menonite Church and preached for over 52 years; was born April 20, 1752 near North Kill in Berks Co., was married to Magdalene Blank, daughter of Nicklous and Christiana Blank who fled from Switzerland for reason of Roman Catholic persecution in 1750 and lived in Lancaster Co. Christian Zug died Oct. 8, 1826, aged 74 years, 5 months and 19 days; was the father of 10 children, 4 sons and 6 daughters, named as follows: John, born Sept. 28, 1774, died 1822; Christian, born April 27, 1776, died April 6, 1804; Barbara, born Jan. 25, 1778, died Dec. 29, 1852; Magdalene, born Nov. 24, 1779, died Feb. 17, 1861; Anna, born Sept. 27, 1781, died Jan. 20, 1861; Elizabeth, born Aug. 4, 1786 and died Dec. 27, 1855, was not married; Jacob, born Oct. 30, 1788, died March 14, 1864 and was the father of John Zug whose name I mentioned in my former letter to you; Christiana born March 24, 1792, died Aug. 16, 1859; Henry, born March 18, 1794, died June 9, 1866 and one infant died. This is all grandfather Zug's family who was the son of Christian and Anna Zug whose Maiden name was Anna Kanabel who were natives of southern Germany and residents in the vicinity of Heidelberg and had 8 children, four sons and four daughters, names Anna, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Margaret, married, John, Yost, Jacob and Christian, these all married and have descendants in Chester Co. Philadelphia, Lancaster Co., Juniata Co., Mifflin Co., Somerset Co. and Lawrence Co., in Pa. and some in Maryland and North Carolina and in the western states. Moritz A. Zug, Johannes Zug and Christian Zug, my mother's grandfather were 3 brothers that came to America Sept. 21, 1742, were imported in the ship Francis and Elizabeth, George North Master, from Rotterdam and were sold for

their passage money. They were the grandchildren of Hans Zaug of Berne, Switzerland who was a Menonite minister and was imprisoned in Berne with Uly Baumgarten and Anthony Himmelberg and Jegley Schleich and others in A.D. 1659 and were liberated by the government of the United Netherlands interceding in their case about the latter of the year 1671 and then went to Southern Germany about Heidelberg and was the father of 12 children.

I will here refer you to Martyr's Mirror, page 1021 and page 1023 of the same book fifth extract from the same obersueltzen Jan. 5th, A.D. 1672 you will find there was a man who was a minister in the North who had a family of 12 children, said to be our progenitor Zug and was told by Moritz A. Zug and Christian Zug to their children and down to their generation to this time, I will now say to you what my mother said in regard of Ulrich and Peter Zug. She told me they were cousins of Moritz A., Christian and Johannes Zug. My progenitor of my mother or my great grandfather Zug who came to this country in 1742 and I believe she had reason to say so for her father and grandfather lived on one farm and heard her father talk about it by times is reasonable to think so in the family as his house was the place of many of the German and Swiss Menonite resorted to him for counsel and information where to locate and to make their homes after they arrived in this country and great grandfather Christian Zug visited Europe, his native home, some time before the Rev. war and brought some of his friends with him back to America with him, my mother said and my mother spoke often to me about the Zug genealogy and their friends coming to visit them and stopping with them in the early days. When they hauled their produce of the farm on Conestoga wagons to Philadelphia market and I had a long talk with my mother, in 1851, about the Zug family and she told me that Ulrich and Peter came to this country some years before her grandfather and that they visited each by times. I will say to what my uncle, Jacob Zug said to at one time in talking of the Zug genealogy. He was of the opinion, he said, that Ulrich and Peter Zug were uncles of Moritz A., Christian and Johannes Zug. But as he was some 10 years younger than my mother, I think she was correct for mother was about 10 years old at the time her grandfather died. I will now close on this, fearing that you may not realize an interest in the above and might weary your patience. But give it only such credit as you think proper.

And I will now give you a short biography sketch of Moritz A. Zug as given to me by Shem Zug of Bratton township who was at one time a resident of Brown township Mifflin Co. Pa. but a resident of the said township in that county at _____. I paid him a visit this week. He is getting very frail and feeble but of sound mind and cheerful and enjoys a friendly call very much. He is at this nearly 82 years old and was talking to me about things that happened some 50 and up to 65 years back with pleasure about the Zug genealogy. I will now give it as he told me. Moritz a Zug who was born in the Pfaltz or Palatine in Germany who was the grandchild of Hans Zug who was driven from Switzerland by persecution and was a minister of the Menonite Church A.D. 1671 about the latter part of the year and who then settled in the Pfaltz. What Moritz A. father's name was I cannot positively say. But my father told me, I think, it was Jacob. Moritz had 5 children, sons John, Christian, Henry, Abram and Jacob. My father, John Zug came to Mifflin Co. Pa. in 1793. So did Christian and died there. Henry and Jacob lived and died in Chester Co., Pa. Abraham died in Lancaster Co., Pa. Two of Abraham's grandsons went to Mississippi to raise cotton and were murdered by the Ku Klux. My father John Zug had 7 sons and 5 daughters. I am the youngest son by 10 years am now in my 82 year, and have one sister living who is 87 years old. The names of my brothers were John, Abraham, Christian, Joseph, Jacob and David. They all

have numerous offspring, of the name of Zug, all descendants of Moritz. Samuel Zook who commanded a brigade and fell at the conflict at Gettysburg, Pa. was a great grandson of Moritz Zug. One of his sisters married Col. William Wayne, the only male descendant of Col. Anthony Wayne of the Revolutionary War and who inherited all his wealth amounting, it is said, to several hundred thousand dollars. Shem Zug is the father of 12, six died, 3 sons living and 3 daughters; has 8 grandchildren. The Zug families are nearly all Menonites or German Baptist with some Quakers or Friends.

I believe this answers your request with the Zug genealogy. My father Daniel and Barbara Hertzler had 10 sons and 2 daughters. 7 died, three sons living and two daughters living at this date. I am the youngest by some 5 years of the family, was born on the 8 day of November 1822 in Caernarvon township, Lancaster Co. Pa. homestead property of our father. I am not married. My seven brothers all have married and have offspring. So have my sisters. Two of my father's family died infants. All the rest grew up to be men and women. This I believe answers all your requests. I have written to Andrew Zug of Lititz and he answered last week, but got no more information than you gave me in your letter.

Trusting this will give satisfaction and if you wish any other information I can give I will cheerfully do so if I can. Please answer if you receive this.

Yours respectfully,

signed -- John Hertzler Senior

Some observations:

Page 171 of Michael Zug's genealogy, not pub., that the above Shem Zug died on December 18, 1880 -- 8 months after the above letter was written.

MICHAEL ZUG -- the man to whom John Hertzler, Sr. addressed the above 1880 letter. He was a 5th generation descendant of Ulrich Zug who came in 1727. Michael was born 1832, died in 1910. He devoted many years to the gathering of information on the various Zug families, especially in the 1880's. He worked on various other family lines as well -- but didn't get around to publishing any of his work.

Michael's son-in-law, Mr. Jay G. Francis, a genealogist in his own right, did some work on the Zug family, but his main effort was in continuing the work Michael had started on the Royer family -- which Mr. Francis did publish many years ago.

The papers of Michael Zug and Mr. Francis were then passed along to Mr. Willard Z. Francis (son of Jay G.) with whom I have been corresponding for some years. Willard has been very helpful, not only with leads and suggestions, but loaned his g-f's pages on the Zug family (which I copied) etc. He also sent me a copy of his recently completed index of the names contained in the genealogies and related materials compiled by Michael Zug. This index has a great many pages (typed) with about 9400 names. The surname Hertzler, for example, is listed 117 times -- with the christian name of Jacob appearing 14 times. All of Michael's papers have now been turned over to the Lebanon Co. Pa. Historical Society. Now quoting from a recent letter received from Willard:

"I think John Hertzler, Sr. and Michael Zug must have exchanged a great deal of information. Hertzler acknowledges his indebtedness to Michael Zug for data on Ulrich Zug's descendants on p. 367. He in turn must have supplied much of the data on the families of Christian, Moritz and John Zug. In his records my grandfather recorded the sending of nine letters to John Hertzler and the receipt in return of twelve."

It was Willard who sent me, some years ago, the above copy of the 1880 letter. Whether any of the other eleven letters mentioned still exist -- I don't know, at this writing.

Lois Ann (Zook) Mast has been a researcher for some years. In 1979 she published "Only a Twig", "A Branch of the Zugs/Zooks of Pa.", a 211 page book covering: 1) the up to date descendants of Major David M. Zook (s/o Preacher Abraham who was grandson of Moritz), 2) The 1st 3 generations of Christian and Johannes, the brothers of Moritz, 3) her visit to Switzerland to "The Grat" (home of Hans Zaug Ancestor) and search thru Bernese Archives, 4) History of Allensville, Pa., 5) A complete Index. Lois Ann was Librarian/ Genealogist for 5 years at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society in Lancaster, Pa. until August 1981, when she resigned to prepare (with her husband, J. LeMar Mast) publishing "Mennonite Family History", volume 1 to come out in January 1982. Published quarterly, the annual subscription is \$12.50. Their address is P. O. Box 171, Elverson, Pa. 19520-0171.

Another active Zug/Zook researcher is Harry D. Zook of State College, Pa. who descends from Moritz. He has spent many hours doing research work on the Zug's in Pa., including Peter (B/O Ulric) also at Salt Lake City, Utah at LDS Library. His address is 828 Thomas St., State College, PA 16801.

Ulrich Zug came September 27, 1727 and settled about 15 miles north of Lancaster and 1 mile north of Unionville near White Oak Station (Pa. archives show Warrant issued to Woolrick Soak (sic) 11/25/1735.

Now the following taken from Michael Zug's, page 2:

Ulric Zug -- hiswife was Miss Bachman

Children:

- II Peter Zug
- II Johannes Zug b. July 11, 1731; d. April 2, 1821
- II Michael Zug Married: Barbara Wolf
- II Christina Zug Married: John Musselman
- II Christian Zug " Barbara Bollinger
- II Henry Zug
- II Magdalena Zug
- II Jacob (May have been the oldest instead of the youngest, in fact Johannes may have been the youngest)
- II Peter Zug supposedly never married
- II Johannes married Anna Heffel Finger (d. 1816)
 - III Barbara, b. Sept. 18, 1757; d. Nov. 13, 1835; Married: Jacob Kinsey
 - III Elizabeth
 - III Christian
 - III Veronica
 - III John, b. 1763; d. 1824; Married: Margaret Mohler
 - III Catherine, b. 1765; d. 1836; Married: Jacob Beardorff
 - III Maria, b. 1767; d. 1835; Married: Andrew Ream
 - III Joseph, b. March 3, 1770; d. October 18, 1821; Married: Barbara Eby
 - III Abraham, b. 1774; d. March 1, 1845; Married: John Shisler

From MZ's page 51:

- II Michael - Married Barbara Wolf and moved to Somerset Co. - no children
- II Christian Zug
 - III Abraham, b. Oct. 27, 1763; d. Jan. 25, 1848; Married Eliz. Imhoff
 - III David, b. ? ? ?
 - III Jacob, b. Nov. 14, 1767; d. April 9, 1866; Married: Mgt. Keller
 - III Barbara, b. Feb. 23, 1770; d. March 27, 1830; Married: Abr. Groff
 - III Christian, b. Nov. 25, 1771; d. Oct. 14, 1864; Married: Eliz. Barwick

- II Michael Zug moved to Somerset Co. Baptized 6/28/1752. Identity of wife not known. Became wealthy, had no children, and left his estate to an adopted daughter.

- II Christian (s/o Ulric), married: Barbara Bollinger
 - III Abraham, b. 1763; d. Jan. 25, 1848; married: Eliz Amhoff
 - III David
 - III Jacob b. 11/14/1767; d. Apr. 9, 1866; married: Mgt. Keller
 - III Barbara, b. 2/28/1770; d. Mar. 27, 1830; Married: Abr. Groff
 - III Christian, b. 11/25/1776; d. Oct. 18, 1804; Married: Eliz. Harwick

- III Abraham, married: Eliz. Imhoff, who died in 1844
 - Children:
 - IV Christian Zug, b. 12/31/1797; d. June 9, 1873; married: Anna Weaver
 - IV Barbara Zug, b. 9/8/1800; d. 2/22/1842; married: Henry Weaver
 - IV Eliz., b. 12/21/1802; d. 1/13/1892; single
 - IV Anna, b. 9/14/1808; d. 9/14/1892; married: Joseph Grafill
 - IV Susannah, b. 9/14/1810; d. 9/14/1885; married: Joseph Aldinger
 - IV Henry, b. 3/21/1812; d. 8/29/1881; married: Manny Bucher
 - IV Magdalena, b. 3/21/1812; d. 7/21/1883; married: Jacob Stohman

- II Henry, identity of wife not known, moved to Maryland.
 - III Jacob Zuck, b. 9/17/1779; married: Eliz Bolyerd. They had 8 children not traced

- I Jacob - moved to Maryland in 1773, d. Jan. 1802
 - III Catharine, b. 3/13/1756; d. 12/18/1815; married: Jacob Wolf
 - III John d. 1830; married: Catherine Shively
 - III Eliz ? ? married: Isaac Long
 - III Susannah, b. 12/13/1766; d. ? married: Nicholas Martin
 - III Sarah, b. 12/3/1773; d. 12/16/1829; married: Dan Hardybower
 - III Mary, b. 7/17/1774; d. 10/13/1821; married: Daniel Miller
 - III Jacob, b. ? d. 4/8/1823; married: Magdalena Emmert
 - III David ? ? married; Catherine Rayer

From MZ's page 45. Unfortunately I must have "missed" the generation in front of:

IV David Zug (the father of MZ) who was a twin to his brother Abraham. He moved to Lebman Co. with his parents at the age of 6, and raised near Richland. He married Eliz Mayer. He died at the age of 67 yrs., 4 mos. and 6 days and was buried along with his 3 wives, at the Tulhehocken Meeting House.

V Michael, b. 3/31/1832; d. 1/7/1910; married Mary G. Frantz

V Susanna, b. 3/10/1834; d. 1847

V Abraham, b. 5/12/1836; d. 8/24/1844; married: Marina Wise

V John, b. 10/15/1838; d. 3/10/1903; married: Polly Kesler

V Mary, b. 10/8/1840; d. ? married: Reuben Kayser

V Seth, b. 5/8/1843; d. 2/11/1894; married: Lizzie Reinhold

V David, b. 1/25/1853; d. ? married: Jennie Leiter

(The above Michael was the author of these pages.)