

This copy from History of the Descendants
of Ulrich Zug

Compiled by Michael Zug (1832-1910)

(But this copy from a revised work
by Willard Z. Francis.)

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Dear Mr. Hostetler:

I'm inclined to believe with you that full knowledge about Peter, Henry and Michael Zug would resolve some of the questions that puzzle us. Perhaps we should add Jacob too. You'll notice on page 79 that, although my grandfather says Jacob was married twice, he has only the first name of the second wife. A footnote says that my father added the information that the first wife was named Mary Eliza but again the last name is not given. My father got that name from Brumbaugh's church history. Incidentally on the few occasions that I added anything in a note I followed it with the initials wf. Everything else including footnotes are as written by my grandfather. Exception is made, of course, for page number references which are those of my typed pages; also references to Royer History pages were changed by me from those in my grandfather's records to those in the published book.

I'm glad to share these records with anyone who is interested in them particularly if they may be of help to someone who is actively engaged in research himself. My only concern is that they not be lost. I had had extra copies of the Ulric Zug records which have however been extensively cannibalized. I am enclosing what is left of them and these you may keep since I will have no further need for them. The missing pages I'm taking from my copy and these I would like to have returned as soon as you have mine copies. This you can do at less than half the cost to me. These pages I have put in a separate pack. They are as follows: pages 1 to 3; 11 to 19 including 15A; 73 to 74; 122 to 124; 129 to 133; 137 to 143; in each case inclusive. Page 144 begins the Three Brothers records. The Ulric Zug records end at page 121; however I thought you might be interested in the following fragmentary records of families related to the Zugs.

I would guess that the Detroit source of Zug records was probably a Judge Lacey for whom one of my sisters a number of years ago copied in longhand the Christian, Moritz, Johannes records. When I furnished Ulric's records to Leslie Zook that he in turn made them available to the Salt Lake library which had previously received the other records from Judge Lacey.

The Light genealogy contains the records of the descendants of John Light who settled in what is now the city of Lebanon, Pa., my home town. These records which include a great deal of historical as well as strictly genealogical material were compiled by my father in the years, approximately, from 1929 to 1933. A few years ago I typed them, gave the original manuscript and a typed copy to the Lebanon County Historical Society in return for which the Society bound my own copy in three volumes. In book form it would not be easy to copy. However I had given a copy to Mr. Ira Landis for reproduction for the Mennonite Historical Society in Lancaster and is presumably available there. My father, a Dunker preacher, always included data on religious affiliations in his genealogical records whenever it was obtainable. The early Lights were indeed Mennonites. One of the settler's grandsons, however, and many of his later descendants took a prominent part in the formation and growth of the United Brethren Church.

The Royer book entitled "History of the Royer Family in America" was based on records originally compiled by grandfather Zug in the 1880s and expanded and brought up to date by my father shortly before the entry of the United States into World War I. It was not published until about 1923. Copies were bound and sold at various times during my father's lifetime. At the time the last books were bound I gathered a number of

pages (signatures, I believe printers call them) which had become soiled and were considered unfit for binding. These I collated and kept and have given to interested persons. I have not accepted any payment for them since they were not considered fit for sale and came to me at no cost. I still have a few of these volumes. Let me know if you would like to have one and I'll be glad to send it. Although soiled they are complete and legible. You would of course have the expense of binding if you wanted to have it in finished book form.

The Frantz book was published a few months ago. It is a book of 621 pages including the index and lists 5017 descendants of Matthias Frantz plus about 2300 in-laws who married into the family. It can be obtained from Mrs. Laura Pfautz, 702 E. Willow St., Elizabethtown, Pa. The price is \$10.00 plus 4.60 Penna. State tax.

Your mention of overseas investigation reminds me that on page 1 of the Ulric Zug records it is stated that Ulric was a native of the Canton of Zug in Switzerland. As I recall Hertzler made the same statement. This, I am convinced, is erroneous. I think both Mrs. Clarenbach and Richard Miller have discovered that there are no facts to support this contention. My grandfather was puzzled when V Jacob Zug, page 22, who had visited Switzerland reported that no families named Zug lived in the Canton of that name according to official records. There is evidence in the information obtained by Richard Miller that the family originated in Bern and that the name was spelled "Zaugg" meaning big nose.

You may have noticed (page 197) among the records that my grandfather was unable to connect with his family a letter telling of a John Zuck, born January 12, 1767 who moved from Bedford to Erie, Pa. I have not been able to find in the records anywhere a John with that birthdate. Again the question arises whether he might have been a son of Peter, Henry or Michael. My grandfather surmised that Peter was unmarried; to him admittedly the Henry records left a great deal to be desired; his information about Michael indicated that he had only an adopted daughter. The internal evidence is that he was satisfied that his records of Jacob's family were correct and fairly complete. By the way, if his statement (page 79) that Jacob's will was the first to be probated in Hagerstown is correct, that would indicate that Washington County, Md. had been formed shortly before.

I'm afraid that this will simply add to the confusion. I hope not.

Yours truly,

William James

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