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Dear Mrs. Edwards:

I've enjoyed your articles in Mennonite Family History. Your last one about researching Pennsylvania ancestors in California caught my eye because I, too, have Pennsylvania ancestors (don't most people?!) and I, too, live in the West. I do get to PA once in a while, but there is never time enough to do much research. I'm beginning to learn more about the resources in the LDS Family History Center in Eugene, and I expect I may be able to make more discoveries there. Until then ...

It was your Swartz ancestors that prompted me to write to you. I suppose you traced only your direct Swartz ancestors, but just in case you found more, I want to tell you what I know about my Samuel Swartz (08 November or March, 1778 - 1862). According to L.J. Burkholder's ...Mennonites in Ontario, 1935, Samuel Swartz was of "non-Mennonite" parentage, went to Ontario at age 18, and lived there, at "the Twenty," with a Mennonite bishop, Jacob Moyer. Early Mennos at the Twenty generally came from Bucks County, PA, so I suppose that is where Samuel Swartz was from, even though he was of non-Mennonite parentage. Perhaps he was related to or a former neighbor of Jacob Moyer. That would have taken him to Ontario in 1796, ten years after the very first Mennonite immigrants to Ontario from PA. He married Anna/Hannah Overholt, who, it seems likely, came from a family of Loyalists during the American Revolution. Later he was ordained a minister (one tradition says a bishop, but that may not be reliable).

Just in case you ran across a Samuel Swartz who might possibly be "my" Samuel, I'd be interested in hearing what you found. He could be of the generation of your Abram Swartz (1790-1832). However, he did not name any of his children either Abram or Andrew. His sons were Samuel, Jacob and John.

Thanks for reading my letter. Enclosed is a SASE, in case you have any information or comments.

Sincerely,

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