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To the Lancaster Mennonite
Historical Society;

To Whom It May Concern,

I am seeking information
on the Frantz family who
were members of the Church
of the Brethren in Cocalico
and the surrounding area.
My family line, which I
will include on a page
following, settled in Ohio
in the early 1800's. I am
trying to connect them to
the Michael Frantz who
was an elder of the Church of
the Brethren in Cocalico. He
came to Pennsylvania from
Switzerland in 1749. &

This information came
from many sources but most

particularly from The
Brethren Encyclopedia.

My line is as follows:

- 1) Ann Stephens, nee McNamee
born 1955
- 2) Betty McNamee, nee Frantz
born 1932
- 3) Robert Emerson Frantz, born
11/21/1906, Pleasant Hill Ohio
- 4) Homer L. Frantz, born 9/15/1882,
Pleasant Hill, Ohio. married
Lily Blanche Lichty. died 2/19/186
- 5) Isaac Frantz, born 6/15/1849 in
West Charleston, Ohio. married 1)
Elizabeth E. Miller 2) Emma Culp,
3) Ida Mary Price. died 1925
- 6) Jacob Frantz, born 11/31/1823 in
New Carlisle, Ohio, married
Phoebe Studebaker, died 1914
- 7) Benjamin Frantz, born approx.
1791 in Virginia (info from census)
married Elizabeth Flory (?)

This man came to Ohio approximately 1812 via Pennsylvania. All census records indicate that he and his wife were born in Virginia.

I speculate that he was the son of Christian Frantz who was born in Botetourt Co., Va. about 1761, son of Michael and Magdalena (Zug) Frantz, and grandson of Michael Frantz, the 1st elder of the Conestoga Church in Pennsylvania. This Christian came to Ohio in 1814, settling in the same area as Benjamin Frantz.

I am seeking confirmation of this connection. I understand that there is a book about the descendants of Michael Frantz but I have

not been able to find it. Can you help me?

Thank you for your time. I will be glad to pay for any photo copying that might be necessary should you have the information.

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- David
- ① Ann Louise McNamee (Stephens)
born to Harold James McNamee
& Betty Lou Frantz, July 25, 1955.

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- ② Betty Lou Frantz (McNamee)
born to Robert Emerson Frantz
and Mildred Charmian Whitten
(Jan. 16, 1932). — birth date
- ③ Robert Emerson Frantz born to
Homer L. Frantz & Lily Blanche
Lichty in Pleasant Hill, Ohio on
November 21, 1906. Moved to Calif.
1910. (~~still~~ still living)

- ④ Homer L. Frantz born to
Isaac Frantz and Elizabeth E.
Miller in Pleasant Hill, Ohio
on September 15, 1882. Died Feb.
19, 1966 in Long Beach Calif.
Other siblings to live beyond
childhood: Vannas Cleora (Billman)
and Hobert I. Frantz.
Member of the Church of the Brethren.

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