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Re: ★ Elizabeth Ziegler b. 1790
m. Lewis Ray b. 1790

and Paul ▲ Ziegler b. 1765 Berks, PA
+ Sarah (Applegate) ↗
↘ (Sollenberger)

of Berks Co., PA and
Botetourt Co., VA

six - eight children
including Elizabeth ★

Paul ▲, son of Phillip Ziegler
and Regina Reguel.

Phillip b. 1734 Bern, Switz.
d 1803 Berks, PA

Eight (named) children
including Anna Barbara
Ziegler b. 1759 m. to
Christian Frantz. The
Ziegler's lived near
Lulpetrocken Twp, Berks Co.,
PA.

Writer lists a book Early Sollenbergers of America by Keith Nonemaker (Nonewaker?). Children of Michael Sollenberger (b. 1746, d. 1809) of Botetourt Co., VA (are reportedly in the book).

★ Robert Ray wants to know if I have any histories of the Sollenbergers of Berks Co., PA and do I know anything about Phillip Zeigler's family, his son Paul and wife Sarah. Do I know who would have info — and the p.s. asks if I have ever seen any applegate in Histories of Berks or Lancaster Counties.

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SUBJECT: Zeigler-Frantz & Sollenberger Families

Dear Mrs. Edwards after spotting your name & address at the Springfield Public Library, in the book "Michael Frantz & his Sons" I thought I would write to you, to see if you might have any information on several families I am researching, my name is Robert Franklin Ray of Springfield, Clark County Ohio, I am researching the family of Paul Zeigler & Sarah (applegate) (Sollenberger) of Berks County Pa. & Botetourt Co. VA. Okay Paul had 6 to 8 children, one of his daughters was Elizabeth Zeigler born in 1792 & married a man by the name of Lewis Ray, ^{B. 1790} they had a son named John Ray, ^{B. 1812} who in turn married Margaret Overpack & had a son Lewis Ray, ^{B. 1839} Lewis Ray mar. Jane Davis & had a L.G. family, one of their sons was W.M. O. Ray B. 1863 who mar. Anna Gilbert, their son Russell Ray B. 1902 mar. Goldie E. Bixler, their son Delbert Ray B. 1927 was my father who mar. Clara Baker & I was born in 1964, that's my lineage back to Paul & Sarah Zeigler, Paul was born in 1765 in Berks Co. Pa. son of Phillip Zeigler & Regina Reguel, Phillip was born in 1734 in Bern Switzerland d. 1803 in Berks Co. Pa. Regina was born in ~~1730~~ 1730 and was a native of Wurttemberg Germany, Phillip & Regina were obviously German Baptist or Church of the Brethren, we think Regina with the name of Reguel.

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MARR: married

B. = BORN
D. = died

was of French Hugonot ancestry or a possible French-German mixture, Phillip & Regina's children were John Zeigler, Anna Barbara, Paul, Eva, Jacob, Phillip, Leonardt, Anna Barbara Zeigler B. 1759

she married Christian Frantz, the Zeiglers lived near Tulpehocken Twp. in Berks co. Pa. Paul Zeigler had married Sarah Applegate

or Sollenberger, they went to Botetourt co. VA. in the early 1790's, I seen in my own Frantz Book of an Elizabeth Sollenberger. you have mentioned, I forgot the page

she was on, she married into the Frantz families, you have the Frantz families in Botetourt co. VA. I just received 2 pages out of a History called early Sollenbergers

of America, written by Keith Ronemaker, & in this History it mentions the children of Michael Sollenberger of 1746 he died in 1809 in Botetourt co. VA. it listed his children and my Sarah Zeigler was listed as one of his children, it also said in this history it mentioned Paul Zeigler of Botetourt co. VA. I sent copies of this History of Sollenbergers to my cousin Mafine she told me that you can't take that as the truth, she told me that it has been passed down thru the Paul Zeigler family that Paul married Sarah Applegate, I have even seen this as a record in the History of the Ray Family written by John Ray of 1882-1954, Mafine says we were related to the Applegates & has never heard of the Sollenbergers, I have tried to locate Applegate records of all kinds in Berks co. Pa. & Botetourt co. VA

SARAH WAS
BORN ABOUT
1767

Not
listed
in L.D.S.
Library
catalog

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Where Paul & Sarah Zeigler were from & no luck at all on these applegates, so it said on pgs 62 & 63 of the Sollenbergers of ~~swiss~~ america that Michael Sollenberger had lived in Tulpen Hocken Twp. in Berks co. pa. Some place as where Phillip Zeigler's family lived at, I thought that maybe SARAH Zeigler was adopted by Michael Sollenberger & his family, so SARAH would have been born about 1766 in pa. so I am going to ~~the~~ check on adoption Records of early Berks co. pa. ~~for~~ even Lancaster co. pa. Berks co. was Lancaster at one time, if I can check for possible adoption Records, or perhaps the applegates died & their daughter Sarah was adopted by Michael Sollenberger, But applegate is an English name & Sollenberger a ^{Swiss} German name, it said that the ~~the~~ History of the early Sollenberger of america was published by the Mennonite Society so they may have been mennonites, usually in those early days when people were new to this country they stayed with their own group of people by the same religion language & nationality & at latter generations things would change, But I have this woman in Reading pa. trying to locate if there is a marriage Record for Paul Zeigler & Sarah + top Records, But my cousin insists that she was an applegate, but I don't see an early German family ~~family~~ adopting a child of ~~an~~ another nationality, usually other family members would adopt in those early days, Today it's all together different, okay my request to you is, do you have any of the family Histories on any of those Sollenbergers of Berks Co. pa. & do you know anything at all about Phillip Zeigler's family, his son Paul & wife SARAH, I know you had Zeiglers mentioned in your Frantz Book But it was another family, or do you know of any one who would have info



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ON THE SOLLENBERGER FAMILY, well ~~there~~ I have taken
up too much of your time already ~~for~~ for which I do
apologize, sometimes I can ramble on too much about things
but I just want to list all of the facts so that other persons
can understand what I am talking about, here is a self
addressed stamped envelope for your reply back to me.

Hope to hear from you, Sincerely Robert W. Ry

do you know of if you have ~~for~~ ever
seen any application in any of the Histories of
Berks or Lancaster Co. Pa. I have not
I think its a hoax in a way.



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Dear Robert,

I just re-read your letter. Of course, I read it when I received it (several weeks ago) but had to re-read to know how to answer your questions.

Frankly, I can't help you at all!! I think I only have one Sollenberger in my records. I'd welcome more information on her and her family if you ever find more documentation on the family of Elizabeth Sollenberger and Michael Frantz, her parents, siblings, etc., etc.

I'm also very curious about documentation of Anna Barbara Ziegler b. 1759 married to Christian Frantz. I'd like to have photocopies of the pages if/when you have them. I'll gladly reimburse you for copies and postage.

Have you seen the book titled Ziegler Family Record - Revised by Floyd & Kathy (Garst) Mason? You can write to him at 115 East Rainbow Drive, Bridgewater, VA 22812 (see enclosed flyer advertising their books). The book is also available on microfilm #1697394, item #2, through the L.D.S. library (check your local Mormon church genealogy library).

Do you subscribe to Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists Newsletter? There was a query in the last issue re: Sollenberger/Solenbarger. I'm enclosing the query and a page for membership application.

Also enclosed, find a printout re: Elizabeth Sollenberger and Michael Frantz family. Please keep me in mind for any "additions and corrections" that you locate.

Good luck with your research; sorry I couldn't have been of more help.

Warmest regards,

Lorraine Edwards