

# *To Set The Record Straight*

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## Introduction

In October 1991 I ordered microfilm rolls #1320826 and #1597643 from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (L.D.S.), Family History Center (F.H.C.), Salt Lake City, Utah. According to the F.H.C. Library Index, a woman had obtained membership in Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) and Daughters of American Colonists (D.A.C.) with the material supplied (later) to Salt Lake.

For many years, I have been in the process of preparing for publication a book on the descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz (1687-1748). I was eager to read the material (from Salt Lake), anticipating that I might find some new and previously unknown information. To the contrary, I found numerous errors! I made a judgment that it represented "sloppy" research and poor verification by D.A.R. and D.A.C. I vowed to research and prove to both organizations that the lineage papers were inaccurate.

Because of another time-consuming book project (in 1992), I did not begin in-depth research, and compilation of data, until January 1993. The following information is the result of months of research.

I did not approach this endeavor as a novice. The Salt Lake Family History Center (F.H.C.) has several of my earlier books and the information can be obtained on microfilm: 1) Michael Frantz, His Sons and Their

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### FIRST GENERATION

1. Christian<sup>1</sup> **Frantz III**, son of Christian **Frantz II** and Barbara. Born, circa 1740 (?). Died, 1824, in Botetourt Co., VA. Birth(2): circa 1743 (?), in Lancaster Co., PA. Prob of Est: Feb 1824, in Fincastle, Botetourt Co., VA. Census: 1790, in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., PA.

"Christian Frantz, III, son of Christian Frantz, Jr., inherited his father's farm; fought in the Revolutionary War in Capt. John Anspack's company of Berks County Militia. He is listed in the census of 1790 (earliest census taken) as having two boys over and two boys under sixteen, and five girls. His wife was named Anna. He sold his farm in 1794 to Henry Moyer and moved to Botetourt County, Virginia, in 1795, with his entire family except Mathias, whose wife, who was Elizabeth Basehoor [sic], refused to go to Virginia, according to family tradition. Mathias bought back the farm from Henry Moyer in 1800. In his will probated in Botetourt County in 1821-24, Christian names his son Michael and his son-in-law, Isaac Gaiby, to be his executors, and names his children as follows, beginning with the oldest: Michael, Mathias, Christian, Barbara (Basehoor), Henry, Magdalin (Gaiby), Elizabeth (Harshbarger), Anna (Wertz), John and Susannah.

"This will was not completely executed until the November term of court at Fincastle, 1844, twenty years after being probated. Michael was appointed executor, but died before completing his task. Then Michael's son, Henry, was named as his executor but also died before completing his executorship. Then Henry's wife was made administratrix but a Henry Frantz from Berks County, Pennsylvania, acting for her finally filed the final report. Then in the meantime, John Frantz, son of Michael died and his heirs are named as receiving his final share.

"Of Christian III children we know that Michael died in Virginia; Mathias remained in Pennsylvania; Henry migrated to Montgomery County, Ohio; and I am reasonably sure that **a John Frantz who married a Barbara Arnet** on December 11, 1817, in Montgomery County, lived there until about 1840 and then migrated to North Manchester, Indiana, **was the John of this family**. (Bold emphasis, Lorraine's.) Of Christian, Barbara, Magdalin, Elizabeth, Anna and Susanna, we have no record, though family tradition has it 'that most of the family went to the Miami Valley in Ohio.' I know of Wertzes and Harshbargers in Montgomery and Clark Counties but can not say as to relation. There are also quite a number of Harshbargers around Ladoga, Indiana.

"I will give some grandchildren of Christian III. **Children of Michael: John, Elizabeth (Wingart), Michael, Jr., Catherine (1. Kinzie, 2. Gish), Margaret (Kinzie), Henry, Magdaline (Wingart).** (Again, bold emphasis,



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"Of this family, John died in Virginia, as mentioned above; Elizabeth married Martin Wingart and moved to a farm near Marion, Indiana. They were the great grandparents of Otho Winger, President of North Manchester College for thirty years. This family changed the spelling of their name. Michael, Jr., also moved to Marion, Indiana; has descendants in Indiana now. Catherine and Margaret, no record, but probably lived their lives out in Virginia. Henry died in Virginia, as noted above. And Magdaline married Henry Wingert (note spelling) and moved to Ladoga, Indiana. Descendants there now. No record.



"Mathias Frantz, (son of Christian III) married Elizabeth Basehoor [sic] about 1780. He was born about 1765 and lived entire life in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Bought father's farm back from Henry Moyer in 1800. Children: Catherine, Elizabeth, Lydia, Henry, Jacob, Marie Anna, Elias and Isaac.

"John Frantz (son of Christian III) was born in Berks Co., Pennsylvania, September 24, 1788; moved with his parents to Botetourt Co., Virginia, about 1795; and to Montgomery Co., Ohio, prior to December 11, 1819 as he was married there on that date to Barbara Arnet. He probably lived in Montgomery County until about 1840 as a number of his children are known to have been born there, when he moved to a farm west of North Manchester, Indiana, where he lived the remainder of his life and is buried in the Frantz Cemetery about three miles west of that town. There are some descendants living there now, but most of them are scattered, most of them in Indiana and Michigan. Children: John, Sally, Nancy, Barbara, Samuel, Benjamin, Joseph, Isaac and Henry." The Dore Frantz Manuscript, by Dore M. Frantz.

He married Anna ?Moyer?. Died, before 1824. "Anna (last name unknown). It may have been Moyer because the families of Christian II and Christian III were closely associated with this family. The farms were adjoining and the land passed into the possession of Henry Moyer when Christian III went to Virginia. Furthermore, we will note that Matthias bought back the entire land from Henry Moyer at a later period. We find that Henry Moyer and his wife were witnesses at the baptism of some of the children of Christian III. However, any relationship is conjectural and not factual." The Genealogy of the Matthias Frantz Family of Berks County, Pennsylvania, researched and compiled by E. Harold Frantz, Reuben Frantz King, Laura Frantz Pfautz, (Lebanon, PA: Boyer Printing and Binding Co., 1972), p. 25. Children:

- 2 i. Michael (erroneously called Michael III)<sup>2</sup>.
- 3 ii. Christian IV.
- 4 iii. Matthias.
- 5 iv. Barbara.
- 6 v. Henry.
- vi. Magdalin. Born, circa 1777 (?), in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., PA. She married Isaac Gaiby.
- vii. Elizabeth. Born, 1780, in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., PA. She married Samuel Harshberger.
- viii. Anna. Born, 1782, in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., PA. Died, 8 Aug 1836, in Roanoke Co., VA. Birth(2): 19 Apr 1779 (?). She married John Wertz (Wortz), 21 Mar 1812, in Botetourt Co., VA. Marriage(2): 26 Mar 1812 (?), in Fincastle, Botetourt Co., VA.
- 7 ix. John.
- x. Susannah. Born in Virginia. She married John Aschenbury, 21 Mar