

DEWALT GERST.

believed

to be

ANCESTOR

of many

Frantz-s

in

America.

From files of

of

DORE M.FRANTZ.

Springfield, Ohio.

Please return to
Dore M. Franz

GENEALOGY OF THE GARST FAMILY

De Walt Garst

B-1725. D-1789.

M-1750, Alsace-Lorraine, France.

Wife,

Marie Statthalter

B-1732. D-1788.

Emigrated to America, 1753.

Compiled and arranged

by

Frank L. Garst

Stanford, Illinois.

DeWALT GARST. is supposedly of Dutch descent, and French mixture, and according to family tradition, his wife is of the same nationality. They evidently were married one or two years before coming to America, and if Nicholas is a son, then they had two sons when they came here, Nicholas and Frederick.

DeWalt and Nicholas were in the Revolutionary struggle, and it is probable that Frederick was, however I have no record of his service. DeWalt served as a private in Captain Mathias Hannings Company Eighty-second Battalion, Lancaster County, Militia, as taken for the year 1782. (See Page 184, Vol. 7, Pennsylvania Archives, 5th series)

There seems to be no further war record in the family until we come down to Michael and Elias Garst, who served in the Civil War, same Company (153 Ohio Volunteer Infantry) and attachment; Michael serving as Sergeant and Corporal.

DeWalt Garst was a farmer and one of the early settlers of (old) Lancaster Co., Pa.

Record of Descent:

NICHOLAS GARST*)
)
FREDERICK GARST ✓)
)
JOHN GARST) Sons of DeWalt Garst
)
JACOB GARST)
)
ABRAHAM GARST, Sr. ✓)

Following is a tabulation of the family as I have been able to gather information, most of which is authentic and reliable, some of which is historically correct.

The early history of this family is taken from the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th series; See page 184, Vol. 7, State Library, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The early settlement of Lancaster County is not a matter of public record. There are some historical records, but community records are scarce. Lancaster County was later divided into three Counties, viz: Lancaster, Dauphin and Lebanon. The Carsts must have settled and lived north and east of Lebanon and Jonestown in Lebanon County. German Records, Swartara Creek Church, Old German Reform, Jonestown, Pa.

*Nicholas might have been a brother of DeWalt.

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ABRAHAM GARST, Jr.- Farmer.

Owned land near North Hampton, Ohio,
Seven miles west of Springfield, Ohio.
B-Jan. 16, 1791. D-Oct. 1, 1852.
Buried in Myers Cemetery two miles south of
North Hampton, Ohio.

WIFE- ANNA FRANTZ.
B-Nov. 18, 1792. D-Dec. 25, 1867.
Buried at Brooks Grove Cemetery near Stanford,
McLean County, Illinois.
They were married in Fincastle, Bouytetourte
County, Virginia where the records are now
to be had.

Children as follows:

- 1 DAVID GARST B. 4/29=1820 *Entered by Howard, Ohio*
- 2 ABRAHAM GARST (3rd) B. 11-15-1821 *Mar. Springfield, Ohio*
- 3 ELIZABETH GARST B. 10/10/1823 *scalded - killed by hot lye.*
- 4 JOHN GARST B. 4-20-1825 *D= Apr 28 yrs - 9 Mo.*
- 6 JOSEPH GARST B. 7/20-1831 *D= 1792 66 yrs - 1 Mo - Epilepsy*
- 7 MICHAEL GARST B. 4/3/1832 *D= Apr. 26 = 1903. Ulcer Stomach*
- 8 SUSANNAH GARST B. 4/11-1835 *D= Age 70-700-9 Mo. Eureka*
- 9 ELIAS GARST B. 8-8-1837 *D= 6-12-1830. (oldest one known)*
- 5 JACOB GARST B. Jan 5-1828 *SENILITY. Do not know what died*

The lineage for my family is:

- DeWALT GARST
- ABRAHAM GARST, Sr.
- ABRAHAM GARST, Jr.
- MICHAEL GARST, 1st.
- FRANK L. GARST
- MICHAEL K. GARST, 2nd.

DAR National Number 263328
Delta G. Hyatt joined 9/15/1930
Sacramento, California.

At one time I had some books from Springfield Illinois State Library, and found the following notation therein(Gerst)

De Walt(Gerst) died prior to 1792-
leaving wife, Susannah, and the following Children;

- 1- Peter.
- 2- Barbara.
- 3- Elizabeth,
- 4.-Magdalena.
- 5.-Catharine.
6. De Walt.
7. Frederick.
8. Susannah.
- 9.-Anna.
- 10.Christian.
- 11.Maria.
- 12.Margaret.
- 13.Franey,(or Frances).

(This is taken from EGLI'S history of Lancaster Co., Pa. and is found in Ills. State Library.)

**The only deduction I can make from ~~from~~ the above is that there might have been two marriages by DeWalt Garst.(But this could hardly be owing to existant dates) Also this DeWalt Gerst, might have been the father of our De Walt. Its very confusing, but I am of the opinoin that this reference is not to any of our family nearer than cousins. Am inclined to throw it out of the History entirely.

deceased without prejudice to and spoiling of the whole, and therefore praying the court to award an inquest to view the premises, and if they find that they can be divided without prejudice, then to make partition thereof; if not, then to value and appraise the same and make return to the next Orphan's Court. The Court does order the Sheriff of Dauphin County, to wit: Jacob Weirick, Esquire, forthwith to summon an inquest to view the two tracts of land, with the appurtenances in the said petition, mentioned, and make partition thereof. In case it shall be found that the same may be divided to and among the widow and children of the said deceased without prejudice to and spoiling the whole. But if they find that the same cannot be so divided, then to value and appraise the same. That notice of the time of such partition or valuation be given to all the parties interested; that they make report of their proceedings to the next Orphan's Court.

From

Orphan's Court Docket.

Book "A" 1785-1796.

Dated April 17, 1795.

Susannah ~~BRAY~~ Gerst, administratrix of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of De-walt Gerst, late of Bethel Twp., yeoman, deceased, appears in Court and produces the account upon the administration of the estate of the said deceased, duly passed before the Registrar, from which there appears to be a balance in the hands of the accountant of 8 pounds, fourteen shillings and eleven pence, which account the Court upon examination, do approve and allow, and direct that the said balance after deducting twelve shillings, the expense of this Court, be allowed to the widow for the bringing up of the minor children until this time.

ESTATE OF DEWALT GERST.
Dauphin Co., Pa.

From
Orphan's Court Docket,
Book " A " 1785-1798.
Dated April 16, 1798.

Upon the petition of Frederick Featheroff, feoffee of Peter Gerst, eldest son of Dewalt Gerst, late of Heidelberg Twp., in the county of Dauphin, deceased, setting forth that the said Dewalt Gerst died intestate, seized and possessed of two tracts of land, one thereof bounded by lands of Peter Kinney and Nicholas Weirick, the other by lands of Peter Kinney and others, containing in the whole, eighty acres.---- That the petitioner is willing and desirous to hold and enjoy the premises and pay the heirs their respective shares. If the two tracts of land cannot be divided to and among the widow and children of the said deceased without prejudice to and spoiling of the whole, and therefore praying the court to award an inquest to view the premises, and if they find that they can be divided without prejudice, then to make partition thereof; if not, then to value and appraise the same and make return to the next Orphan's Court. The Court does order the Sheriff of Dauphin County, to wit: Jacob Weirick, Esquire, forthwith to surron an inquest to view the two tracts of land, with the appurtenances in the said petition, mentioned, and make partition thereof. In case it shall be found that the same may be divided to and among the widow and children of the said deceased without prejudice to and spoiling the whole. But if they find that the same cannot be so divided, then to value and appraise the same. That notice of the time of such partition or valuation be given to all the parties interested; that they make report of their proceedings to the next Orphan's Court.

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DEWALT GERST.

From
Orphan's Court Docket,
Book " A " 1785- 1796.
Dated April 16, 1793.
Page 410.

The Court does appoint John Light, the younger, of Bethel Twp., guardian of the estates of Susannah Gerst, Anna Gerst, Maria Gerst, Margaret Gerst and Franoy Gerst, during their respective minorities, they being severally under the age of 14 years.

From
Orphans Court Docket.
Book " A " 1785- 1796.
Dated July 16, 1793.
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In pursuance of an order of this Court of the 16th day of April, last past, for the partition or valuation of the real estate of Dewalt Gerst, late of Heidelberg Twp., deceased, Jacob Weirick, Esquire, Sheriff of the said County, returns the said order with an inquisition thereunto annexed, taken by the oaths of Michael Straw, John Winter, Jacob Koller, Jacob Fisher, Christian Lentz, Peter Leiter, William Griebbaum, Christian Miller John Shalby, John Cluck, Peter Keeny and Michael Werner, twelve good and lawful men of the Bailiwick of the same Sheriff, who, upon their oaths and affirmations, respectively do say that they have viewed two certain tracts of land situate in the Twp., of Bethel containing in the whole 80 acres, and do find that the said plantations and tracts of land with the appurtenances cannot be divided to and among the widow and children of the said Dewalt Gerst without injury to and spoiling of the whole, and

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It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the said Frederick Featheroff do, on paying or securing to be paid, the several and respective shares of the widow and children of the deceased, of and in the valuation aforesaid, within one year, hold and enjoy the said tracts of land with the appurtenances, value as aforesaid, to him the said Frederick Featheroff, his heirs and assigns forever, as freely and fully as the said Devalt Gerst had and held the same in his lifetime, agreeable to the acts of Assembly, in such case made and provided. The Court directs the distribution of the valuation aforesaid in manner following: that is to say

To the Widow-----	77	pounds	13	shillings	11	pence.
To Peter-----	22	"	3	"	11	" .
To Barbara-----	11	"	IX	1-	11	" .
To Elizabeth----	11	"	1	"	11	" .

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To Magthalina -----	11	pounds	1	shillings	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	pence.
To Catherine -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Dewalt -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Frederick -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Susanna -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Anna -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Christina -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Maria -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Greta -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .
To Francis -----	11	"	1	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	" .

And the said Frederick Featheroff offering himself, together with Philip Heckert of Lower Paxton Twp., as sureties for the payment of the shares and dividends aforesaid, are approved and accepted by the Court and it is finally ordered that the expense arising on the valuation and confirmation of the said tracts of land with the appurtenances to the said Frederick Featheroff be equally divided by the parties interested.

Frederick Featheroff of Bethel Twp., and Philip Heckert of Lower Paxton Twp., are held jointly and severally to William Atlee, Esquire, President of this Court and his successors in the sum of 407 pounds 10 shillings. Conditioned that the said Frederick Featheroff shall and do, within one year, pay or cause to be paid unto the widow and children of the deceased, their several and respective shares in the valuation thereof made by the inquest awarded for that purpose. Acknowledged in open Court July 16, 1793.

Attest

W. Graydon.

DE ALT GARST.

(Immigrant-1753,)
 Born, 1725. Prob. Alsace-Lorraine.
 Died, 1789. In Pa.
 Buried,
 Married, Marie Statthalter. 1750.
 Lived, Prob. Bethel Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.
 Occupation, Farmer.

MARIE STATTHALTER.

(Immigrant-1753.)
 Born, 1732.
 Died, 1788.
 Buried,

Children.

Frederick Garst.

Born, 1752. Prob. in Alsace-Lorraine.
 Died, 1842. Bottetourt Co., Va.
 Buried,
 Married, Magdalena Rauch.
 Lived, Pa., and Va.
 Occupation, Lumberman and farmer.
 Children, Henry, Jacob, John, George, Peter, Frederick, Jr., William, Annie, (Mrs Richard Gordon), Magdalena, (Mrs. Joseph Echols) and Elizabeth.

Johann Nicholas Garst.

Born,
 Died, 1803. Bottetourt Co., Va.
 Buried,
 Married,
 Lived, Pa., and Va.

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Occupation,
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Pa., and Va.
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Pa., and Va.
Farmer.

Magdalena Garst.

Born,
Died,
Buried,
Married,
Lived,
Children,
Jan., 11, 1765. Prob. in Pa.
Apr., 1, 1829. Bott., Co., Va.
Roanoke Va.
David P. Coffey.
Pa., and Va.

Jacob Garst.

Born,
Died,
Buried,
Married,
Lived,
Occupation,
Children,
Jan., 10, 1766.
Feb., 7, 1854. Bott., Co., Va.

Dewalt Garst, Con't.

Children,

Marie Elizabeth Garst.

Born, May, 29, 1768. Prob., in Pa.
Died, In Logan Co., Ohio.
Buried, Logan Co., Ohio. (Cem. ?)
Married, David Frantz. About 1790. Leonard Houtz. 1816.
Lived, Pa, Va., and Ohio.
Children, Frantzes--Michael, Samuel, Joseph, David,
Christian, Abraham, Anna, Lydia, Susan, Jacob
and Elizabeth. Houtzes-- ?

Abraham Garst.

Born, Mar., 4, 1770. Prob. in Pa.
Died, Jan., 10, 1835. So. Bend, Ind.
Buried, On his own land.
Married, Mary Zehring. 1790. Katherine Ribble, 1801.
Lived, Pa., Va., Ohio, and Ind.
Occupation, Farmer.
Children, 1st wife--Abraham Jr., Barbara, and Mary.
2nd wife--Daniel, Dr. Michael, George, Joel,
Dr. Elias, John, Henry Clay, and Hannah.

Notes.

This family may have lived in either Lebanon or Dauphin Co's in Pa., but there is no court record of their ever having lived in Lancaster Co. Neith was any person of the Garst or Gorst name a member of the Conestoga or White Oak German Baptist Congregation prior to the year 1800.

I accept it as fact that David Frantz, grandson of Michael Frantz, 1st Elder of the Conestoga Congregation, married a daugh-

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After the death of David Frantz in Va., about 1814, Elizabeth married Leonard Houtz and they and all of David's children except Samuel, moved to Logan Co., Ohio, near Bellefontaine, where there are many descendants, mostly of other names than Frantz, although there are quite a few of that name there, and in surrounding counties.

There may be a remote chance that the wives of Christian and Daniel Frantz, brothers of David, who both married Garsts, may have been daughters of this Dewalt, and who have not been named in any family record, as the children of this family do ~~not~~ seem to be verified by any court record which I have been able to locate up to now, but are mainly a matter of family tradition. Neither do I know at this time who the parents of the wives of Christian and Daniel were.

EARLY GARST RECORDS FROM PENNA.

Immigration.

Dewalt Garst came to America on the ship "Patience" on Saturday the 11th day of August, 1750, Hugh Steel, master, from Rotterdam, but last from Cowes in England. The mark of Dewalt Garst was in the form of a "W 2"

Also on the same ship is the name of Nicholas Gerst.

Early tax records.

In 1772, Dewalt Gerst, Bethel Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., on April 18, he purchased 30 acres of land from the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, William and Richard Penn, and having bought 40 acres before this, the tax on 70 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows, was 6 shillings.

In 1771, was taxed for 100 acres of land, 2 horses and 2 cows, the tax amount was 3 shillings.

In 1771, In Bethel Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Nicholas Gerst was taxed for 170 acres, 2 horses and 2 cows, and the amount was 6 shillings.

In 1781, George Gerst lived in Robeson Twp., Berks Co., Pa., owned 100 acres of land, and was taxed 1 pound and 5 pence.

Note-- The only daughter of Michael Frantz, was reported to have married a George Gerst.

In 1784, Henry Gerst lived in Exeter Twp., Berks Co., Pa., owned 147 acres. No tax.

Dewalt Garst.
Born 1725.
Died 1789.

Wife

Marie Statthalter. Born 1732. Died 1788.
Married to Dewalt, 1750.

Issue:

Frederick Garst. Born 1752; Died 1842;Loved to Roan-
oke Co.,Va.,where he died.
Johann Nicholas Garst. Born ---- Died 1803.Loved to Roan-
oke Co.,Va.,where he died.
Magdalena Garst. Born 1763; Died 1829;Loved to Roan-o
oke Co.,Va.,where she died.
Jacob Garst. Born 1766; Died 1854;Loved to Roan-
oke Co.,Va.,where he died.
Marie Elizabeth Garst. Born 1768.
Abraham Garst.: Born 1770; Died 1835;lived to Va.,
Ohio and Ind; Died at South Bend.

Please return to
Dore M. Frantz

Stonford. Ills.
October-- 11th., 1939

Mr Dore M. Frantz.
Sprongfield. Ohio.

Dear sir and I am presuming, Cousin:--- Your letter asking about my records of the Garst and Frantz families, came to hand duly and I am going to answer as best I can.

I know very little about the Frantz families and can only give you meagre information.

You have the Garst records partly correct. The first one should read; (DeWalt Garst and Marie (Stathalter) Garst married in France or England--(there is quite a controversy about this as the Garsts (or Kersts went from Holland or Germany into Alsace Loraine to escape the army draft and changed their name to Garst under Franch rule, then the French instituted the draft system so they moved to England and lived in or near Garstown, -ngland which Town is still on the map. From there they set sail from Amsterdam Holland on a Dutch ship for America. (The above is part history and part tradition)

DeWalt and wife had the following boys that are on record in Penn. Archives, taken from page 184--Vol 7. Fifth series.

Nicholas.

Frederick.

John.

Jacob.

Abraham. (have no record of girls born to them)

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had born * Marie, Magdalene-& Abraham Jr. 2 girls and one boy,
but I know nothing of the girls.

Abraham Garst Jr. went to Springfield Ohio and worked on
the farm one year, for the man who built the old brick house that
a little West and north of the Masonic home, down in the cut or valley
then went back home and married Anna Frantz; hey were my grand
parents, He was born Jan.16th., 1791 Died Oct 1st.1852;---
Anna Frantz was born Nov.18th., 1792--Died Dec. 25th.,1867--she by the
way was buried here near my home at Stanford Ills.

Now it is very possible that she is the Anna Frantz you refer
to as -- instead of Anna Garst, born.

All I can tell you is the above, just had this much of the
Anna Frantz record from my father. Do not know who she was or
how many sister she had or any thing about her descent, but am inclined
to think Anna Frantz marrying a Garst has mixed some one on the names
possibly.

Abraham Garst the first married a second time and raised
a large family-- who are scattered all over the U.S.

If you can at any time tell me surely about Anna Frantz parentage
I wish you keep me in mind, am sorry I did not start his linneage
sooner in life.

There were formerly-- along in the 1885 and 60s, many
Frantz families around Springfield Ohio, but I never knew many of
them as I was only there one year. Simmion Frantz married a Garst
girl named Ella Garst, and they live near or in New Carlisle, O.

I have been an invalid the past 14 years, having broken down
... trouble which affected my heart seriously-- Am now

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I have been an invalid the past 14 years, having broken down with nervous trouble which affected my heart seriously-- Am now 69 years of age and am the only one of my family--- Michael Garst being my father. David Garst married Mary Frantz and lived just out of Springfield West on top of the big hill. Both dead now.

X I have been told by my father that my Grand father Abraham Garst and Anna Frantz were first cousins-- but do not know about this X

I cant help you further in this as my whole time was spent on the Garst line and did not have money enough to follow this as fully as I would like to have, although I followed it thru so that some of my Nieces could join the D.A.R. my family number being 263328 D.A.R.- of America.

I hope I have at least given you some lead on this that may help you.

Respectfully and Sincerely Yours.

Frank L. Garst.

Stanford Ills.

Frank L. Garst

*Garst line runs
in 7 generations.*