

Subject: Wingers and Showalters and Frantzes and stuff

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Lorraine,

Sorry it has taken so long to get back to you, but it is great to hear from a distant cousin. It's not very often that someone gives you a bull's eye to work with.

My maternal grandmother has all of the same people that you mentioned. They start with Magdalena WINGER (d. of Martin and Eliz. FRANTZ) who married Daniel Halderman SHOWALTER. These were my GGG Grandparents. Their daughter Catherine, who went by Cassie, married John Calvin Michael, who had a son Samuel, who had a daughter Effie, which was my Grandma. Also you made reference to Michael FRANTZ and Marian Elizabeth (MOYER?). My mom found somewhere that her last name was GARST, but I'm not sure where. I think it might have been family records, but I would have to ask her to be sure.

I would love to exchange info with you, and I'm sure that my mother will be getting in touch with you as well, as this is her family that she has been researching for quite a while. I have the SHOWALTERS back to 1702 in Switzerland, The FRANTZes back to about 1661 and the WINGERS back to 1690. It makes sense that these families are all related, since they all came from Switzerland. Sometimes that makes them easy to track.

Anyway, since you sent me your mailing address, I will send you a copy of my pedigree chart as far back as I have, and will try to get some family group records together as well. Look for these in about a week.

Thanks again for writing. I think it's great to find other members of the same family, or atleast tied together by the same ancestors.

Take care,

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Subject: FRANTZ/WINGER

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Hi Kevin,

I look forward to the info that you are sending. THANK YOU for your e-mail message. I'm thrilled to hear from you.

Kevin, I'm hoping and praying that you have really accurate info re: Eliz. Frantz and Martin Wenger/Winger. They are part of a very controversial problem in FRANTZ genealogy.

I definitely believe that Elizabeth Frantz is the daughter of Michael Frantz, son of Christian Frantz III, son of Christian Frantz II, son of immigrant Christian Frantz. I have a lot of "probable" info but I'm always looking for more proof. Some published family histories, and articles, have been written that say that Elizabeth's father, Michael, was son of Michael Frantz II, son of immigrant Michael Frantz. NO ! NO !! NO !!!

We may never know, but your Mom may have gotten the name Mary GARST from some of the above-mentioned histories or articles. I'm not the only one that suspects that Michael Frantz's wife was Mary MOYER. Some day, Lord Willing, I hope to "nail down" these families.

I'm very disturbed because erroneous info gets circulated as though it were the gospel. Some of the printed histories are really poor with a woman married on the same day she was born -- and other very, very careless info. I have info in my files that shows that Dore M. Frantz corresponded with Otho Winger and repeatedly pointed out to Otho that he (Otho) was a descendant of Christian Frantz and not Michael Frantz. Never-the-less, Otho and a family member published a family history saying they are Michael Frantz descendants.

There are ladies that have their DAR and Daughters of Colonial Americans on Elizabeth and Martin. I have no problem with DAR to Martin Winger's grandfather, Martin Winger, as Revolutionary soldier but they can't claim Elizabeth is granddaughter of Colonial American Michael Frantz II. Daughter's of the American Revolution (organization) can only supply the application papers. They don't keep the "proof" on file -- they send it back to the applicant. I haven't been able to "connect" with an applicant who would share their "proof." ----- All very challenging for me and my research task. Hope you can, and will, help -----

The internet has been VERY HELPFUL !! I sent and received my first e-mail messages on Labor Day 1996. I've browsed the internet, and left a lot of queries. I've also received a lot of VERY HELPFUL replies. I'm amazed at how quickly I've made contact with "cousins." I think that this medium (the internet) will become increasingly more beneficial to family historians. Popularity is growing daily; imagine what we will find in a year or two. If you have been on the internet very long, you have probably experienced the increase.

Thanks for your e-mail answer and thanks for the info that you are sending.