

Port Royal, Juniata Co. Pa. April 17, 1880

Friend Michael Zug, Lebanon Co. Pa.

Dear Sir Your letter dated Feb. 24, 80 came to hand and thank for the same. I am well and thank the Lord for His Blessing and Mercy to us all and hope the Lord may Bless you all the same. I will say please excuse me for not answering you sooner. But I will give reasons for not doing it sooner on account of sickness in my sister and brothers family and both have died. I will answer your first request by way of introduction who I am if it is not improper which I hope it is not. I am a descendent of Jacob Hertzler who by reason of persecution and by persuasion a amish Menonite minister who fled from Palatine France in the reign of Louis the 16 in the Ship St. Andrews, James Abercrombie Master, from Rotterdam Holland and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1749 and moved to Bern Township, Lancaster Co. Pa., at this time Upper Bern, Berks Co. 2 miles west from Hamburg on the Harrisburg Road and I am of the fourth generation. My father's name was Daniel Hertzler who was the son of Jacob and Barbara Hertzler of Upper Bern township, Berks Co. who was the son of Jacob and Catharine Hertzler who fled from France. Jacob Hertzler my great grandfather had 4 children, 3 sons and one daughter called by name John and Jacob and Fanny and Christian. The Hertzlers in Lebanon County are the descendents of John Hertzler who was a brother of my grandfather. Jonathan Hertzler that lives near Richland Station, Lebanon Co. is a second cousin of mine. I suppose you know him. He has 2 sons ministers in the German Baptist Church, John and William Hertzler. This answers your first.

My mother's name was Barbara Zug, a daughter of Christian and Magdalene Zug of Whiteland township, Chester Co. Pa. who was elected minister at the age of 22 years of the Amish Menonite Church and preached for over 52 years; was born April 20, 1752 near North Kill in Berks Co., was married to Magdalene Blank, daughter of Nicklous and Christiana Blank who fled from Switzerland for reason of Roman Catholic persecution and lived in Lancaster Co. Christian Zug died Oct. 8, 1826, aged 74 years, 5 months and 19 days; was the father of 10 children, 4 sons and 6 daughters, named as follows; John, born Sep. 28, 1774, died 1822; Christian born April 27, 1776, died April 6, 1804; Barbara born Jan. 25, 1778, died Dec. 29, 1852; Magdalene born Nov. 24, 1779, died Feb. 17, 1861; Anna born Sept. 27, 1781, died Jan. 20, 1861; Elizabeth born Aug. 4, 1786 and died Dec. 27, 1855, was not married; Jacob born Oct. 30, 1788, died March 14, 1864 and was the father of John Zug whose name I mentioned in my former letter to you; Christiana born March 24, 1792, died Aug. 16, 1859; Henry born March 18, 1794, died June 9, 1866 and one infant died. This is all grandfather Christian Zug family who was the son of Christian and Anna Zug whose maiden name was Anna Kanabel who were natives of southern Germany and residents in the vicinity of Heidelberg and had 8 children, 4 sons and four daughters, names- Anna, Barbara and Elizabeth and Margaret, married, John, Yost, Jacob and Christian, these all married and have descendents in Chester Co. Philadelphia, Lancaster Co., Juniata Co., Mifflin Co., Somerset Co. and Lawrence Co., Pa. and some in Maryland and North Carolina and in the western states. Moritz A. Zug, Johannes Zug and Christian Zug, my mother's grandfather were 3 brothers that came to America Sep. 21, 1742, were imported in the Ship Francis and Elizabeth, George North Master from Rotterdam and were sold for their passage money. They were the grandchildren of Hans Zaug of Berne, Switzerland who was a Menonite minister and was imprisoned in Berne with Uly Baumgarten and Anthony

Himmelberg and Jegly-Schlebach and others in A. B. 1659 and were liberated by the government of the United Netherlands interceding in their case about the latter of the year 1671 and then went to Southern Germany about Heidelberg and was the father of 12 children. I will here refer you to Martyr's Mirror Page 1021 and Page 1023 of the same book fifth extract from the same Obersueltzen Jan. 5th A.D. 1672 you will find there a man who was a minister in the North who had a family of 12 children, said to be our progenitor Zug and was told by Moritz A. Zug and Christian Zug to their children and down in their generation to this time. I will now say to you what my mother said in regard of Ulrich and Peter Zug. She told me they were cousins of Moritz A. Zug and Christian Zug and Johannes Zug. My progenitor of my mother or my great grandfather Zug who came to this country in 1742 and I believe she had reason to say so for her father and grandfather lived on one farm and heard her father talk about it by times is reasonable to think so in the family as his house was the place of many of the German and Swiss Menonite resorted to him for counsel and information where to locate and to make their homes after they arrived in this country and great grandfather Christian Zug visited Europe, his native home, some time before the Rev war and brought some of his friends with him back to America with him, my mother said and my mother spoke often to me about the Zug genealogy and their friends coming to visit them and stopping with them in the early days. When they hauled their produce of the farm on Conestoga wagons to Philadelphia market and I had a long talk with my mother in 1851 about the Zug family and she told me that Ulrich and Peter came to this country some years before her grandfather and that they visited each other by times. I will say to what my uncle, Jacob Zug said to at one time in talking of the Zug genealogy. He was of the opinion, he said, that Ulrich Zug and Peter Zug were uncles of Moritz A. and Christian Zug and Johannes Zug. But as he was some 10 years younger than mother I think she was correct for mother was about 10 years old at the time her grandfather died. I will now close on this, fearing that you may not realize an interest in the above and might weary your patience. But give it only such credit as you think proper.

And I will now give you a short biography sketch of Moritz A. Zug as given to me by Shem Zug of Bratton township who was at one time a resident of Brown township, Mifflin Co., Pa. But a resident of the said township in that county at \_\_\_\_\_ I paid him a visit this week. He is getting very frail and feeble but of sound mind and cheerful and enjoys a friendly call very much. He is at this nearly 82 years old and was talking to me about things that happened some 50 and up to 65 years back with pleasure about the Zug genealogy. I will now give it as he told me. Moritz A. Zug who was born in Pfaltz or Palatine in Germany who was the grandchild of Hans Zug who was driven from Switzerland by persecution and was a minister of the Menonite Church A. D. 1671 about latter part of the year and who then settled in the Pfaltz. What Moritz A. father's name was I cannot positively say. But my father told me, I think, it was Jacob. Moritz A. Zug had 5 children, sons John, Christian, Henry, Abram and Jacob. My father John Zug \*\*\* came to Mifflin Co., Pa. in 1793. So did Christian and died there. Henry and Jacob lived and died in Chester Co. Pa. Abraham died in Lancaster Co. Pa. Two of Abraham's grandsons went to Mississippi to raise cotton and were murdered by the Ku Klux. My father John Zug had 7 sons and 5 daughters. I am the youngest son by 10 years, am now in my 82 year and have one sister living who is 87 years old. The names of my brothers were John, Abraham, Christian, Joseph, Jacob and David. They all have numerous offspring except Jacob who had no children. There are now living in Mifflin Co. 38 families of the name of Zug, all descendants of Moritz A. Zug. Samuel Zeok who commanded a brigade and fell at the conflict at Gettysburg, Pa. was a great grandson of Moritz A. Zug. One of his sisters married Col. William Wayne, the only male descendent of Col. Anthony Wayne of the

Revolutionary war and who inherited all his wealth amounting, it is said, to several hundred thousand dollars. Shem Zug is the father of 12 children. Six died, 3 sons living and three daughters living; has 8 grandchildren. The Zug families are nearly all Menonites or German Baptist with some Quakers or Friends.

I believe this answers your request with the Zug genealogy. My father Daniel and Barbara Hertzler had 10 sons and 2 daughters. 7 died, three sons living and 2 daughters living at this date. I am the youngest by some 5 years of the family, was born on the 8 day of November, 1822 in Caernarven township, Lancaster Co. Pa. My father moved to Juniata Co., Pa. April 1834. My brothers and I live on the old homestead property of our father. I am not married. My seven brothers have all married and have offspring. So have my sisters. Two of my father's family died infants. All the rest grew up to be men and women. This I believe answers all your request. I have written to Andrew Zug of Lititz and he answered last week, but got no more information than you gave me in your letter.

Trusting this will give satisfaction and if you wish any other information I can give I will cheerfully do so if I can. Please answer if you receive this. Yours respectfully

John Hertzler Senior