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The following seventeen
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~~future~~ researcher.

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May 23, 1988

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*- his answer in Frantz
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Dear Caleb,

I am a descendant of Michael Frantz I (1687-1748). Although I have been collecting information for 15 years on this line and also have the book on the Matthias Frantz Family of Berks Co PA, there are still many unanswered questions I am wondering about. You may be wondering about some of them also and don't have the answers yet, but I would surely like to get your response to these questions.

Do you have any more information than was in the Matthias Frantz book on the two brothers of Christian I Michael and John and their families? What do you know of the family of Balzer Frantz and his family? Is he still assumed to be the brother of Christian and Michael? Has any relationship been established to any other of the Frantz immigrants? Has anyone been able to trace the family back to the father of Christian and Michael in Europe? In the Palatine Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1793 by Guth and Mast, I found a Michael Frantz listed at Helmstadt in 1717 and a Michael Franz listed also at Helmstadt in 1724. Helmstadt seems to have been east of Heidelberg. I don't know if he would be related to our lines or not.

Which Michael Frantz was ordained as elder at the Little Swatara Brethren church in 1780? Which Michael married Elizabeth Moyer?

Although I have information on several of the children of Michael Frantz and Magdalena Zug, I lack definite information on his sons, John, Jacob and Abraham. Did they go to VA also, and do you have record of their families?

I understand you are working on a new edition of the Matthias Frantz book. I enjoyed all the background information on the first book and will look forward to reading the next one.

Although we were raised in Nebraska, I have a brother Milton E. Frantz living in Lebanon, PA and another brother Loren D. Frantz living in Harrisburg, PA.

I thank you in advance for any information and comments you may send.

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Dear Frantz cousin of my husband,

I have corresponded and met Lorraine Edwards Frantz when she was in Ohio last spring. She sent me a copy of your May 23 1988 letter to Caleb Frantz and his July 8 1988 reply. Lorraine is a genealogist/compiler and believe she says she is not a researcher. I have been very interested in Michael Frantz I and Michael Frantz II. Dale's line is

- Michael I
- Michael II
- Peter
- Nicholas
- daughter Elizabeth m Jacob Cripe
- Anna Cripe m John F Metzger
- Dora Metzger m Henry Royer
- Dale Royer m Gladys Cool

Lorraine has mentioned your thorough research at different times. I am sending copies of my "stories" of Michael I and Michael II and would appreciate comments on them. I also have questions - some of this information came from the Matthias Frantz book.

What source provided the St. Basel birthplace for Michael I and brothers? - a church record probably, if this is true why are their parents not known? Are Swiss records available through the IGI - possibly not I believe. Someone may have researched in person? Tradition?

Matthias Frantz book says Michael I was paying tribute at Hassloch in 1717. He gives a reference but I have checked at the Goshen Mennonite College library and couldn't find the correct volume number references he referred to. I will ask for help on this. I also found the Helmstadt references of 1717 and 1724. Was this mistaken for Hassloch by the Matthias Frantz researcher?

This Hassloch reference is especially interesting to us as Dale's Sebastian Royer (Rheyer) lived at Bohl and marriage and births of children are included in the neighboring Hassloch records. We were in Europe in 1988 on a Brethren Historical Tour and after the tour we visited Bohl and Hassloch on our own. At that time I did not know of Michael's possibly being here. Sebastian was Reformed and died Reformed in America - emigrated probably c 1726 and died in Lancaster Co in 1759. His son Emig christened and confirmed at Hassloch was baptized into the Brethren church in 1735 probably (some sources say 1734) in the Conestoga church and very possibly Michael baptized him. Did they know each other in Germany? It is interesting to speculate.

The Michael Frantz ordained elder at Little Swatara Brethren was not Michael I nor Michael II but son of Christian (I believe) - have your access to BRETHREN IN COLONIAL AMERICA by Donald Durnbaugh and HISTORY OF CHURCH OF BRETHREN IN EASTERN PA, by Committee, 1915 which gives some Frantz history.

Referring to Caleb Frantz's letter, he says you asked about information on brothers of Michael who married Magdalena Zug. He had no brothers that we know of and think Caleb was confused when he said this.

I see he also speculates that the father of the 3 brothers who came to America could have been at Helmstadt in 1617 and 1624 before going to St. Basel - but you and I know the correct dates were 1717 and 1724.

So Michael I came to America - in Durnbaugh's book referred to above, in the back is an appendix showing members of the Brethren whom Alexander Mack 2 knew and it would appear to be Michael I, his wife, and his daughter Maria. Michael I was not a member in Europe as he was baptized in 1734 in Pa. so it would appear that his wife and daughter did live in America. Those lists only listed the men in most cases - (Sebastian and his 4 sons came and he remarried over here and his three daughters were by his second wife - this is not right as church records show 2 of the 3 daughters were born in Europe!)

So Michael I came - no land records are found for him. Dore Frantz, says tradition says he lived where the barn where the Beissel-Brethren separation led by Michael on the day he was baptized took place. We were there in 1988 and before I heard this tradition, I wondered about it. A Brethren person must have lived there if they used the barn for the council meeting, the Cocalico creek is just behind the barn and Michael was baptized that day also I believe the records say and then exhorted to preach the same day.

He is also said to be buried in the old burying ground by the Cocalico. On this farm? I find no record of a cemetery here but who knows? Dore Frantz in a 1947 letter to a man in Chicago, copy you have shared by Lorraine, speculates Michael is buried in the Middle Creek cemetery or rather the old cemetery adjoining it with a fence between. In 1990 the fence is no longer there and we were in the old part which has many bare spots - probably unknown graves. This cemetery is on what was Emig Royer's farm and he is said to have given land for a cemetery. He bought this farm in either 1743 or 1747 and the first known grave there is Michael Pfoutz, a Brethren minister, in 1769 although Emig Royer died one month earlier and the ROYER FAMILY IN AMERICA author thinks probably Emig was the first person buried there although he quotes another historian as saying he is buried with his father in a Lutheran cemetery a few miles away.

I know the Alva Turner family of Old German Baptists of Pratt/Sawyer Kansas. He died this past spring.

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Dear Hazel,

Our mutual friend, Lorraine Frantz Edwards, sent me some information regarding your research. I had also written you with speculated questions.

Jerry Masters, 5178 W. 114th Place, Leawood KS 66211-1796 is a descendant of Baltzer. I have worked with him on the Royer line and he is very thorough in his research. I have no idea what he has on Baltzer line other than a warrant map showing Baltzer's widow Anna had land adjoining our mutual Amos/Emig Royer/Rheyer. He has visited Lancaster Co. and went to the Royer sites and to the barn where the Frantz-Beissel split took place. He asked me where Michael I lived which of course I could not tell him. Several including Dore Frantz speculated about whether it might have been where the barn was but he sent a map showing that land was patented to John Landus in about 1734. John Landus joined the Brethren about 1735 I believe, hence the reason for meeting there. I am sending copy of his map showing this warrant.

Regarding the birthrecords of the 3 Frantz brothers at St. Jacobs, Switzerland, where did these come from? - other than quoted in The Matthias Frantz Genealogy and also Lest We Forget, V 2, 1974, by Rollin Flory. Flory gives a month and day of birth which came by family record? E. Harold Frantz would indicate someone found records in St. Jacob as he listed name of an early Frantz. Sometime when I get to the LDS library I want to check if there are St. Jacob records on microfilm. I have not checked much for Swiss records but seem to think they might not be receptive to having them microfilmed. Incidentally, I write to a cousin of my son-in-law's whose husband is stationed in Germany and she says LDS records are not available in Germany. They have to go to Strasburg.

Regarding the Mennonite tax lists in Germany, I think the Matthias Frantz book researcher must have had access to lists we don't have. Goshen College Mennonite Library is in our home town and I spend days! there. Today I again checked the Palatine Mennonite Census Records 1664-1774, originals in State Archives at Karlsruhe, Germany which were checked by Harold S. Bender and printed in the Mennonite Quarterly Review in 1940-41. C. Henry Smith (author of the Mennonite Immigration to Pennsylvania, above, also obtained a set of copies of originals prepared for him by official archivists of Karlsruhe Archives and Dr. Bender had checked.

Like you, I find Michael Frantz at Helmstadt in 1717, 1724, and also 1774 which I had overlooked before.

I also checked the Guth-Mast (1664-1793) book which you had referred to and found the first 2 but not the 1774 record. The Matthias Frantz history indicates by the information the amount paid, etc.,

and evidently every year. I only found 1 or so entries for Hassloch. So I wonder if the above records have not all been copied. I believe Mr. E. Harold Frantz was to Europe and had research done over there, but I see you have not been able to locate his material. Too bad.

Also where did he find Michael went to Krefeld? I am not doubting this, but he does have erroneous information here where he suggests Michael was baptized here (he wasn't or he wouldn't have been baptized in Pa - both Zug, S.R. editor of History of Brethren in Eastern Pa, 1915, put out by CB; Brumbaugh, M.G. History of German Baptist Brethren, and Durnbaugh, Brethren in Colonial America have information on Michael Frantz. I have copied this information and can send it to you if you don't have it.) Also, Alexander Mack did not live at Krefeld. He lived at Swarzenau when Brethren were formed, then lived at Surhuisterveen in Friesland. He quite possibly visited Krefeld - he visited in the Marienborn/Budingen area. When we were in Europe, we saw a letter he had written which is displayed in the castle at Budingen.

I am also sending copies of Mennonite information concerning Michael I's immigration to America. You note at one place it refers to Michael and 5 persons in 1727; another place to another Michael and 11 persons in 1732 - see the footnotes which show this second place was probably the Christ Sr. and Jr. emigration. You will note on page 196 he says most of these immigrants came from east of the Rhine. We think west of the Rhine if the Matthias Frantz history is correct.

I am speculating that Michael, wife, son Michael, daughter ?Maria, and another child might have been the 5 and a child died on voyage or here in America?, as I believe I sent the information from Brethren in Colonia America by Durnbaugh that would indicate Michael's wife did live in America.

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April 8, 1992

Dear Gladys,

Many thanks for the Michael Frantz reports you sent. I'm sorry for taking so long to answer your letter.

I'm afraid that Lorraine's mention of my "thorough research" has been greatly exaggerated. I do a lot of collecting, and research what I can, although that hasn't been much lately. I will comment on a few things however, but I must say that your sheets on the two Michaels are just great, so clear and well put together, with most of the information that I have seen, already noted. I don't have much of anything to add, mostly just speculation.

Starting with Switzerland, the name of the Canton is Basel, so I think that St. Jacob or St. Joseph must be either the name of the town or the name of the parish. I did check the IGI records at one time, but found no early Frantzes at Basel. I need to go back and check microfilm of Swiss church records. Perhaps I will find something. I also have a note that most all of the available emigration records for this area were published in Faust & Brumbaugh, Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies. I have not found this book yet.

I wonder if you have run across it. The only reference I have that Michael, Christian, and Balser were brothers comes from the Matthias Frantz book. Caleb Frantz said their researchers did go to Europe several times, but did not find out the parents of the three brothers. Those old records are hard to read even for someone who knows German. I didn't find their names in the IGI.

As for where they lived in the Palatinate, I have no definite answer, but will send some notes that shows where I am at at this point. I want to do more research on the LDS records of Germany and Switzerland when I have a little more time. I just hope the records are not all in German. Perhaps the names and places will be recognizable anyway.

So you went on a Brethren Historical Tour. That must have been exciting.

I think that Caleb was answering my letter in a hurry, as he misinterpreted several things. No he didn't have anything more on Michael and John, sons of Christian Sr., but since then I have heard from a Frederick Frantz of Pennsylvania who is a descendant of John mentioned above. He gave me several sheets on his line. If you are interested, I will be glad to share that with you. Nothing more definite on Michael, his brother.

It still seems strange that our Michael lived in the Cocalico region while Nicholas Garst, whose children intermarried with Michael's children, lived in the area of the Little Swarata (Near Jonestown in Bethel twp of Lancaster Co., now Lebanon Co. We do have the record that Michael was taxed in Lebanon twp, Lancaster Co. in 1752, and another that he purchased land in Cocalico twp Lancaster Co. Where was Michael between the sale of his land in Cocalico, 1775 and his move to Botetourt Co VA? Did he move up to Lebanon twp, or move along with the Garsts into the Shenandoah

Valley. It was his younger children who married the Garsts, yet some of them seem to have married in PA, in 1883 and 1884.

As for land records of Michael I in PA and Michael II in VA, I understand that a land purchase was not always recorded at the time, sometimes only surfacing years later when a descendant needed to prove inheritance. It might even be under the name of the executor or administrator of the estate, or listed in a nearby county. A lot of research could be done here.

I wish the documentation for this family was more definite. I have more information on John (if this is ours), Michael, Christian, Daniel, David, and some on Peter. I have the children and their spouses for Peter but some dates are missing. Do you have more on his family? Do you know when Henry Fullheart, husband of Anna Frantz, died? I keep wondering if Anna was the Nancy Frantz who was the second wife of George Grisso. Nancy was the first cousin to his first wife Catherine Frantz, dau of Christian Frantz. I have a note here that Nancy was born 6 Feb 1799 and died 6 Mar/May 1870 in Clark Co OH. Would these be the dates for Anna Frantz Fullheart?

I have an item from the IGI that a Peter Frantz married a Margaret Stover 27 May 1833 Botetourt Co VA. Could this be a second wife for Peter before he married Mrs. Pleasants? If so, perhaps this is why Lowell Beachler states that Peter married Catherine "Peggy" Garst, since Peggy is a nickname for Margaret instead of for Catherine.

I have been rambling on, and probably not been very helpful. Can I be of help in any other way. Again, I'm glad you wrote, and will try to answer more quickly the next time. Oh yes, I'm pretty sure that my husband is not related to the Alva Turner of Kansas. However the Elvin Frantz of Chicago whom Dore Frantz wrote to, is my brother. He lives in Colorado now.

Sincerely,

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Michael Frantz, the Immigrant, 1687-1748

Documentation for Michael Frantz (1687 - 1748)

Born - At St.Jacob in the Canton of Basel, Switzerland.
 - Canton of St.Jacob near Basel, Switzerland. (Brumbaugh) - (Holsinger says St.Joseph)
 - in the small town of St.Jacob, Canton of St.Joseph (Flory)

Lived in 1717 - 1720 at Hassloch, near Neustadt an der Weinstrasse in the Palatinate area under Elector Karl Ludwig, paying six florins protection money annually, until he left for Krefeld, Germany. (Mennonite records - Matthias Frantz p.9.)

Michael Frantz name on list of Mennonites aided by Dutch in April 1717. (Strassburger-Hinkel 1:13,14.)

The place in the Palatinate where Michael, as well as his assumed brothers Christian and Balsler, lived, may not yet be definitely established.

Palatine Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1793 lists a Michel Frantz living at Helmstadt in 1717; and in 1724, also in Helmstadt, Michael Franz was assessed 50 fl. (Guth and Mast) (See also Mennonite Quarterly Review 24:22,25.) Whether this Michael Frantz was the same as ours is not known.

From a letter written in 1727 by several Mennonite ministers in Brubach, Germany, to the Mennonite ministers in Pennsylvania, there is listed the names of forty-five people including those of Michael Frantz and five other Frantzes, not specifically named. A second letter was sent in the same year from Grumbach asking that the Mennonite ministers in America take good care of the immigrants and help them to locate in the new land. This second letter included the names of Michael Frantz and wife, Christian and wife, and a group of eleven persons (presumably children), all Frantzes.

Mennonite Quarterly Review, Vol. 15 (1952), Guth's History of Mennonites, containing tribute lists. (from the Matthias Frantz book p. 10)

Another source mentions a letter in 1732 from Mennonite ministers and elders from Grumbach and the nearby Immelhauser Hof to the Mennonites' Amsterdam Committee of Foreign Needs, who provided aid to the Swiss refugees in the Palatinate wishing to emigrate, informing them of the pending arrival of prospective emigrants, most of whom either had sufficient funds to pay their way to Pennsylvania, or were promised support from friends or relatives who were already residing in Pennsylvania. Two different 1732 documents are cited, one listing Christian Frantz, wife, and 11 children from Noselhoff, (said to be most accurate), and the other lists Michiel Frantz, wife and 11 children from Hesselhof. [Since Michael had already gone to America, I wonder if this was merely a mistake of the recorder of this information.] (Another source says that this place has been erroneously identified as Hassloch, north of Neustadt, however the place is actually Hosselinshof, north of Neuenstadt an Kocher). [My source for the above information is a photocopied sheet of 2 pages from a book with the words EIGHTEENTH CENTURY EMIGRANTS printed at the top, p.420, and words THE NORTHERN KRAICHGAU printed on p. 421. As yet I do not know from what book this is taken.]

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 This presents a question which needs more research. Helmstadt is east of Heidelberg and the Rhine river in the northern Kraichgau area, whereas Hassloch is west of Heidelberg and the Rhine river. Both areas however were in the Palatinate area of that time under Elector Karl Ludwig, who gave the Mennonites limited protection.

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 Grumbach is south of Helmstadt in the Kraichgau, being closer to Helmstadt than to Hassloch. If Hosselinshof, north of Neuenstadt, means the Kocher River, then Hosselinshof is also closer to Helmstadt and Grumbach than is Hassloch west of the Rhine. I have not yet been able to find Hosselinshof or Neuenstadt on the map, although Hassloch and Neustadt an der Weinstra was located west of the Rhine. In checking with Guth and Mast for locations of the three Mennonite ministers mentioned above, I did find a David Kauffman living in Baisbach, not far from Helmstadt, in five of the census from 1717 to 1759. I did not find the other ministers. However not all the Mennonite census lists are found in Guth and Mast, particularly some in the Kraichgau. They do give a list, p.41, in which they correct some of the spellings given in some of the lists. They say that Haschhof should be Hosselinshof, Neustadt should be Neuenstadt, and Haelstad should be Helastadt among others. Incidentally I find some of these names, particularly Neustadt in several places on the map of Germany.

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Emigration to America - Michael Frantz arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam Sept 30, 1727 on the ship Molley, James Hodgesson, master. There were 70 Palatinates with their families, about 300 people. (Rupp) Tradition has said that his two year old son arrived with him. Some have said that his wife and daughter, perhaps Maria, came with him.

Michael, his wife and daughter had belonged to the Brethren church in Europe on statement of Alexander Mack Jr. (Brumbaugh p.58).

Michael Frantz settled in Lancaster Co PA, along the Cocalico Creek which at that time was still a part of Chester Co, becoming Lancaster Co in 1729. Tradition gives the place as along the Cocalico Creek near where Middle Creek and Hammer Creek join it. It may have been his barn at which the peaceful division of the Conestoga Brethren and Conrad Beissel's Seventh day Baptists occurred, but this has not been proven.

Dore Frantz said that no record has been found that he owned any land and no will or estate records have been found.

Michael was baptised into the Brethren fellowship by Peter Becker on 29 Sep.1734, becoming the elder and leader of the Conestoga congregation the next year. Michael Frantz was also the first minister at the White Oak congregation near Litiz in 1736, and the first elder at the Northkill church. A collection of his hymns was published in 1770 by Christopher Sauer.

Michael Frantz I died around Christmas time in 1747/1748 and was buried near the Cocalico Creek in Lancaster Co.

Note: The date of death given by Brumbaugh is December 1747 or 1748. He says 1748 is the date given by the official records of the Conestoga Congregation in his possession, and Morgan Edwards also gives 1748. However some authors use the date of 1747. The Gregorian calendar was not adopted by the English and their colonies until 1752, therefore a system of double dating was sometimes used to account for this difference.

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Writings of the late Dore Frantz of Springfield Ohio, a Frantz researcher, widely quoted.

Records of Elvin D. and Rachel (Hamm) Frantz

Records of Laura Clarenbach, a Frantz researcher of Madison, Wis.

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Michael Frantz II came to America with his father on 30 Sep 1727 when only 2 years old. He grew up in Lancaster County Pennsylvania around the Cocalico area and subsequently married Magdalena Zug, the oldest daughter of Ulrich and Barbara (Bachman) Zug who had settled in nearby White Oak Valley. The Zugs had immigrated to America on the ship "James Goodwill". This was just three days before Michael and his father Michael I arrived.

One of their grandsons Daniel Frantz II wrote in later years "Now concerning my grandfather, Michael Frantz the second and son of Michael Frantz the first, I have been informed by my father, Daniel Frantz the first, that his father, Michael Frantz the second was brought to America at the age of two years, and as mentioned that Michael Frantz the first came to America in the year 1727, without any doubt he brought his two year old son Michael along. Further, I have been informed that Michael Frantz the second died at the age of 82 years in Virginia. I have seen him with my own eyes. He died in the year 1807 or 1808. Now we go back to the year 1725, two years before his father came to America....There is no doubt at all, of us being the descendants from our ancestor Michael Frantz, the first, from Switzerland."

Michael and Magdalena had 8 sons and 1 daughter. They lived in Lancaster County PA. Four of their sons and their daughter married children of John Nicholas Garst from nearby Bethel twp, now Lebanon Co. A statement by Henry Clay Garst (1818-1901), the son of Abraham Garst Sr., the youngest son of John Nicholas Garst, written in 1892 when he was 75, is found in the Garst book on page 279. "Four sisters of my father married four brothers by the name of Frantz." He didn't mention the Frantz daughter whom some say married Jacob or George Garst. Also the settlement papers of Nicholas Garst names all four of the Frantz men. (Garst p. 163.)

A Michael Frantz was ordained as elder in the Little Swatara congregation in 1780. Some researchers say this was the son of Michael I, however others believe him to be the son of Christian I a brother of Michael I.

Sometime in the 1780,s Michael and Magdalena with most of their children migrated into the Shenandoah Valley and settled in Botetourt County Virginia. They lived along Tinkers Creek and are buried in an old cemetery in the Troutville, Daleville, Cloverdale area, near Tinkers Creek.

Documentation for Michael Frantz II (1725-1807)

Note: An LDS ancestral file dated 1990 states that ~~John Nicholas Garst~~ chr 5 Nov 1727 in Sembach(Evangelischer Pfalz Savaria and who d. in the fall of 1803, married Mary Elizabeth Frantz. (I have not placed this Mary Elizabeth Frantz yet, and have not come across Mary Elizabeth's surname in any other place.) (Could it have been Elizabeth b.1729 and the daughter of Christian Frantz Sr.?)

WILL AND ESTATE RECORDS:

None that I am aware of for Michael and Magdalena.

CENSUS RECORDS:

Michael had probably gone to Virginia by the time the 1790 census was taken. The Virginia 1790 census were destroyed, but some early lists have been constructed from tax records. I have not found any listing for Michael Frantz or his sons.

1810 Botetourt Co VA Census records for Michael, Christian, Daniel, David, and Peter.

LAND RECORDS:

- 1752 - taxable in Lebanon twp Lancaster Co. PA. (Dauphin Co. at that time)
- 1751 - Patent for 154 acres in Cocalico twp
- 1762 - Michael & Magdalena sold 50 of those acres.
- 1775 - sold the remainder.
- 1780 - 1784 - moved to VA.
- 1800 - taxable in Botetourt Co VA.

Michael and Daniel, sons of Michael and Magdalena, had adjoining farms on Carvin Creek in Botetourt Co VA. Deeds appear for some of the sons of Michael, Michael Jr., Christian, Daniel, David, and Peter in Botetourt Deed Book Index which I have not checked out yet. I did not find a deed for Michael II, however I only checked the index for grantors.

TAX LISTS:

1752 - taxable in Lebanon twp Lancaster Co. PA. (Dauphin Co. at that time)

1800 - taxable in Botetourt Co VA Males over 21 Horses (from The Virginia Genealogist Vols 9,10.

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John	1	2
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Christian Jr.	1	4
Henry	1	2
Michael	1	3

One can only speculate at this point to which Frantz family each belongs.

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Name: FRANTZ, Michael II (ID: 7)
 Born: 1725 Germany or Switzerland
 Died: 1807 Botetourt Co VA
 Age: 82

Father: FRANTZ, Michael I
 Born: 1 Sep 1687 Died: 1748 Age: 60
 Mother:
 Born:

Spouse: ZUG, Magdalena
 Born: ?Switzerland
 Marr: 12 Jun 1748
 Died:

Father: ZUG, Ulrich
 Born: Died: 1747
 Mother: BACHMAN, Barbara
 Born: Died: 1759

M/F	Child's Name	Birth Date/Place	Death Date/Place/Age	Spouse/Date Married
1. M	FRANTZ, John/Hannes	15 Dec 1749? Lancaster Co PA	1821? Litiz PA	71 HOSTETTER, Elizabeth ?
2. M	FRANTZ, Jacob	1752? Lancaster Co PA	1799?	47 HOSTETTER, Barbara ?
3. M	FRANTZ, Michael	1754? Lancaster Co PA	May 1817 Botetourt Co VA	63 _____, Elizabeth
4. M	FRANTZ, Abraham	1756? Lancaster Co PA		KOCH, Maria ? 29 May 1784
5. M	FRANTZ, Christian	1761 Lancaster Co PA	6 Mar 1850 Clark Co OH	89 GARST, Mary 1783
6. M	FRANTZ, Daniel Sr.	9 Feb 1763 Lancaster Co PA	17 May 1843 Clark Co OH	80 GARST, Anna 25 Jul 1784 GARVER MINNICK, Magdalena 21 Aug 1821
7. M	FRANTZ, Peter	1765? Lancaster Co PA	1853? Roanoke Co VA	88 GARST, Catherine "Peggy" PLEASANTS, Mrs. Sarah 13 Apr 1839
8. M	FRANTZ, David	1766? Lancaster Co PA	1815 Botetourt Co VA	49 GARST, Marie Elizabeth 1790
9. F	FRANTZ, Anna?	1769? Lancaster Co PA		GARST, Jacob

Note: Notice the names and dates followed by question marks showing uncertainty. Researchers disagree on some of the children in this family. All seem to agree on the names with the exception of the daughter. I found the name Anna in only one list and do not know the source. They are listed "in order of birth" in the Matthias Frantz Family book and I have listed them thus here. The Aaron Frantz paper of 1912, quoted by some, states that the order of the children is unknown. Not all researchers agree that the John and Jacob listed here belong to this family. Some historians give Michael(1764-1833) to this family while others put him in the Christian Frantz Sr. family as I have done. There is good evidence to show that Michael (1754?-1817) whose four children are listed in his will is the son of Michael and Magdalena as listed above.

Note: I have seen no dates for Abraham or Anna (if Anna is truly her name). The dates listed for them are speculation and seem probable if they are to fit in with this order. Some of the other dates are not certain although accepted by some. Dates for Christian are accepted by most; those for Daniel by all.

Note: Spouses listed for John, Jacob and Abraham have not definitely been proven, although they have been accepted by several historians. Research is continuing to find the correct data and other information.

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Dear Hazel,

In trying to clear my desk drawer correspondence, I am utterly ashamed to find your April 8 1992 letter! I thank you so much for it but summers seem to get busy and last summer was exceptionally busy for us. In June we went to Pennsylvania to our Old German Baptist church conference and spent a few extra days there. Our daughter 50 miles from us was expecting twins in August so we helped her with quite a bit of her canning, freezing, cleaning, babies, etc. both before and after the twins were born. She had 2 girls, Jaima 7# plus, and Julie 6# plus. Julie's pulmonary artery and aorta were switched and she had surgery at 8 days old. She seems to be doing fine now without any medicine. This surgery has only been done in the States 5-6 years, Europe 10, they cut the vessels and switched them.

In October we went to Virginia to a church meeting and to Shenandoah/Rockingham Co. where my Kuhls/Cools were from and looked up local areas and cousins there, 4 generations lived there and evidently only the first owned land which we did find - land still in same family it was sold to in 1800 after almost 200 years. Only tradition says where the 3 generations are buried, the 4th moved to Ohio.

I had tests in November and was diagnosed first of December with lymphoma in the lymph node in neck. That was the only place they found it so have had 4 chemo treatments over the past 3 months, now will have a CAT scan and evaluation next month. I feel good, some fatigue, no nausea. My husband was gone the past couple days so I spent 1 1/2 days at the Goshen Mennonite College library - thought I would work late at night and get caught up on some things but got tired, did work till 10:30 one night, I don't usually work at night on genealogy - may have just got further behind! At least more work! Will comment on your letter and documentation. Will let you and Lorraine handle the Frantz. I am trying to work on all lines of Dales and mine - I have a notebook for each of our 8 grandparents and their ancestors and related lines, plus Dale's parents, my parents, and our own married life. I am trying to write a history of each of them and add photos, etc. I have an immense amount of stuff tucked into them and seems time gets away without getting it done. I was waiting for a better typewriter, now I have a computer and still don't get done. I pretty well have the Royer, Kuhl/Cool, Cripe and Frantz lines written up, need to do some revising, etc. I

If there is any books you want me to check or copy at Goshen College just let me know.

Best Wishes, Gladys

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Michael Frantz I - Switzerland

I checked Faust & Brumbaugh Lists of Swiss Emigrants at the college and could find no Frantz notations.

LDS - Film 0823862 - Swiss Immigrants to Palatinate in Germany & Huguenots in Palatinate and Germany 1650-1800, Macco 6 vol. I checked index of this film I believe and have no notation of any Frantz. (I was checking this for Huguenot Royers from France). (I do a lot of research but sometimes fail to get proper indentification/information when I don't find anything!) I do not know if this is film you were talking of or not or if there are other films available. When I checked previously, I could find no films that I wanted to check.

I believe at one time I had checked a Franz book at Goshen College which mentioned Franz's at St. Gallen in the 1400's. I found nothing pertinent so didn't make any notes.

Palatinate-

Strassburger-Hinkel 1:13-15,59,63 - Part of the Strassburger books were not on the shelf yesterday, didn't realize a notation about Mennonite aid in 1717 in them: Will make a note to check when I go again. I did check the new reprint signature book (Vol 2) and the pages quoted appeared it could be the 1727 Michael immigration and the 1732 Christian immigration.

I also have checked Smith's History of Mennonites which gives "Michael Frantz altogether 5 persons" as coming in 1727. There is also a fairly new Index of this book at the college. Then it mentions the Christian 11 persons and Michael 11 persons which would appear to be the same person, don't you possibly think. There is no record of a Michael coming in 1732 when Christian did.

I recognized the Eighteenth Century Emigrants as being by Annette Burgert, but didn't recognize your handwriting asking where this was from and recently a frontispiece copy to Lorraine Edwards thinking it was her, so am now sending a copy to you, the correct person! I am inclined to think Hosselinshof is east of the Rhine.

I respect Annette Burgert's works (in her Hassloch-Bohl book she had published the Royer records which enabled us to check the German church records and visit the town they came from. Her co-laborer, Dr. Arta Johnson, translated a few of the Royer entries for me.)

I could not find Hosselinshof, etc. but did find "Neuenstadt am Kocher" on Charles Hall's Atlantic Bridge to Germany maps, V 6, Baden-Wuerttemberg, page 23 C3 (Neueunstadt) which is east of Grombach (Cl). I believe I have seen a different?/better set of maps at the LDS library but I don't get there too often.

Mennonite Quarterly Reviews are at Goshen College and I checked V 24,22,25,10,14,15,35. These were mostly general history of the Anabaptists, etc. in Europe and did not mention Frantz's by name.

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Michael Frantz I - Cocalico Twp, Lancastre Co. Pa

Brumbaugh, p 58 - List of members who had joined in Europe. Michael Frantz as well as wife and daughter are listed and we have date Michael was baptized here in America so probably wife and daughter were baptized here too?

I am sending you patent maps, etc. This shows that John Landis received a patent in the 1730's for the place where the "barn" was so evidently this was not Michael's land. I saw in Zug, I believe, that John Landis was a deacon. This barn was probably torn down last summer? according to information given by Marvin and Lela Shoup, Frantz researchers who visited the lady who lives there in 1991. Part of it had blown down. It was in bad shape when we visited it in 1990 and we could not go in. The creek is just behind it.

you will note Balzer's patent next to Dale's Emig/Amos. Now speculation on land patented to Michael Frantz II - Cemetery on Emig land. You are also aware that early settlers didn't always have patents on land, they just settled on it. Would it be possible that Michael I might have lived on one of these tracts? When you look at dates of many of these patents around Michael II, they were in the 1740's, and Michael's 2 tracts were not patented to others until 1753 and 1759. (Middle Creek)

I believe Matthias Frantz says Michael 2 settled near his father - how near? Conestoga Creek (rather than Cocalico) flows through Reamstown near to these tracts. This was purely speculation and no reason for it at all.

*Balzer
descendant
Jerry
Masters,
5178*

I believe Dore Frantz or someone said this was on Route 222 just s.w. of Reamstown. The top line of the 154 acres would appear to be Route 222.

The 1747/1748 death date could be double dating, I am not very familiar with it. One record says he ordained? someone in September 1748, I believe.

Burial at Middle Creek near the Cocalico. This would be possible but Dale's ancestor, Emig Royer, gave this ground for a cemetery and was probably buried there in 1769 and J. G. Francis of The Royer Family in America, says he was possibly buried there a few months before or after Michael Pfoutz.

I am sending you copies from the Zug book, History of E. Pa. I had them in my notebook.

Michael Frantz II

1748 - Michael Frantz II married Magdalena Zug
Is there any documentation for Barbara Bachman? I know Ulrich Zug settled near Michael? Bachman.

You have 1751 for patent for 154 acres in Cocalico Twp. The map shows 1762 and you have it appear in order for that date. Typo error?

1752 - Why was our Michael II up in Lebanon Co?

1762 - He got patents on 154 acres and 40 acres (not adjoining but in two different locations)

1762 sale - why would he sell the same year he bought? Is this a mistake on Matthias Frantz - I believe it came from this source? I am not always looking up all of these references so I am trip up. Have you checked this one out? I have checked the Mayhill Lancaster deeds book several times which goes to 1770 and I do not find a sale in 1762 which should show up there. The 1762 patent does not show up there either since it is a patent rather than a deed transfer. So did he sell then?

1770 - Morgan Edwards lists - there was a Michael Frantz at Cocalico and one at Little Swatara so I have always assumed the one at Cocalico was Michael II and the other the s/o Christian. I am not familiar enough with the family to know if Balser might have had a Michael in Cocalico?

1775 - I have also not checked out the 1775? record date of selling this land. Have you?

1762-1775 until 1780's - Where was he? I had never considered these two dates I guess - just always assumed Michael II was in Cocalico Twp. You raise interesting questions. If he sold in 1775, he could have gone up around the Gerst family and his daughters married before they went to Va.

Ruth Frantz Rhinehart, 341 Fairgrounds Road, Painesville OH 44077 has written a book on John Frantz-Elizabeth Hostetter family. She is not sure of the parentage of John but leans to it being Michael II. You might want to contact her if you haven't seen her book.

Virginia records on the Frantzs

I have not worked much with the Virginia Frantz's other than Peter Frantz, my husband's direct line, and then only what I have gleaned from others. I am sorry I am definitely no help here. I guess I am letting you, Lorraine, and others take care of those.

I had never heard of the Peter Frantz - Margaret Stover marriage although surely I had checked the IGI. It does indeed sound as if this could have been a second marriage - I think I had also wondered about the Catharine - "Peggy" rather than Margaret.

Theobald Gerst

Garst - Isn't there a new Garst book out? Joe E. Garst, Garst Family in America, 1627 Castbourne Court, Wheaton IL 60187 I believe may have printed one in 1989 according to a note I have, when I last checked at Ft. Wayne it wasn't there. I keep a running file for Goshen College; Ft. Wayne; LDS; Manchester College; and when I get to these places I never get caught up - not even Goshen which is 6 miles from home!

1988 IGI -

Theobald Gerst b 1702 Bayern, Unterfranken, Schwanhausen - spouse
Magdalena Catharina Bueckin

Theobald Gerst m 14Jan1727 Bayern, Pfalz, Sembach to Catharina
Bueckin.

Mary Elizabeth Frantz marrying Johan Nicholas Gerst. I had never
heard of this before, it may be right. I am assuming it was a
descendant's entry rather than an official record. I usually like to
check out the source of information which you probably do also.

I have footnote reference to 1988 IGI stating Johan Nicholas Gerst m
Mary Elizabeth Stathalter c 1748 but I don't find a copy of that IGI
in my files (was it given as parents of one of the children?) It may
be in a "held" pile - if there is an IGI reference I am guessing it
might be as parents of one of the children born in Pa. I will have
to recheck this.

This is family tradition from Lowell Beachler, and I also believe
possibly Leona Betteridge. I asked Lowell where he got it and he
said he couldn't remember where he would have gotten it 15 years
before without looking, told him not to look as Lorraine was soon
coming to look at his files at that time. If I did see it on an IGI
this could of course have been entered by family tradition.

Goshen College has the 1988 IGI's which is handy for me to check, but
I don't get to South Bend as often. If I remember correctly they
issue new ones every 4 years so a new one should be coming soon but
Goshen said they won't get a new one due to finances. I have used
the computer at South Bend a little (1 hour limit per day) and Ft.
Wayne also has some LDS on computer which I briefly checked for Royer
and Kuhl/Cool.

Sorry I have rambled on so long. I know we will know we will never
know it all but isn't it amazing how new informations comes along
from new records or someone discovers something in an old record that
has been there all the time? That's why we keep on, I guess.