

Subject: Re: Re: HISTORY OF TUNKERS AND THE BRETRHEN CHURCH

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>ll2 wrote:

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>> I have a copy (on loan) of Holsinger's History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church (1901, reprinted 1977 by The Bookmark, Knightstown, Indiana), if anyone would like a lookup.

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>Hello Lois,

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>Thanks for offering to "look up" info. What does it say about Michael

>Frantz and/or other Frantz individuals?

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>Lorraine Frantz Edwards

Henry J. Frantz, pages 43+:

Born in Roahoke Co., AV, 2-7/1834. At 21 emigrated to Woodford Co., Ill. In agricultrue.

Dece. 20, 1867 md. Maria J. Gish. In fall of 1879 moved to Ocoya and started in mercantile buisness, largely in grain and stock. In 1867 elected treasurer of Woodforad County which he held for 6 yrs. 1874 elected member of Legislature of Illinois. Served on term in lieg. and then elected to Senate. While in Senate he introduced and had passed the Funding Bill, which made him famous throughout the state and won him a place in the hearts of poepe.

Bro and Sis Frantz united with the German Baptist Churhc many years ago. On account of bad climate for health, moved to Wellington, KS durin g1899. 1894 health began to fail. Died at home in Wellington, KS

Michael Frantz, page 327:

"Michale Frantz was born in the Canton of St. Joseph, nigh to Basel, Switzerland (date not given). He came to this country in September, 1727, and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, within the limits of the Cocalico church, about seven years before its organization. He was here but a short time until he was convinced of the correcness of the doctrine of the Brethren Church, and he became a member of the small body. he was baptized by Elder Peter Becker, Spetmber 29, 1734, on teh same day in which the little flock was organized into a regular church. As this church was in need o fa minister, Brother Frantz was commissioned to serve as an exhorter. In this relationship he served so satisfactorily, that, by the laying on of hands, he was ordained by their elder; and the next year, 1735, he accepted the entire care of the church. He was an approved an dsuccessful laborer in the Lord's vineyard, and there was an abundance of fruit.

"It is said that he deaprted this active and devoted life in December, in either 1747 or 1748. During his thirteen or fourteen years' service, nearly two hundred members were added to the Cocalico church, and many others in

other places.

"Elder Frantz was not only a good and highly-respecte\d minister, but he was an apt write and good poet. HE composed a number of excellent pieces that were published by Brother Christopher Saue, in 1770. Selections from this work were published in the "Gospel Visitor", in 1858, and so, more than a century after his decease, he still speaks; and will continue to do good by his influence as a faithful, diligent, persevering servant in the Lord's house".

(typo by Lois); I also have Frantzs in my line, married into the Hostetter and Hershey lines in Lancaster County, if you're interested. Include Anna, Barbara, Christian, Elizabeth (2), Jacob (3), John (3), Nancy.

Lois Lanier

Subject: Thank You

Date: Sat, 14 Dec 1996 17:49:09 -0800

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Dear Lois

Thank you for the prompt response. I really appreciate!

Yes, I would be interested in your Frantz/Hershey/Hostetter. More specifically, I'm interested in the immigrant ancestor.

These families appear in my 3 volume set of books titled FRANTZ FAMILIES -- KITH & KIN, AN INCOMPLETE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INFORMATION REGARDING IMMIGRANT MICHAEL FRANTZ, HIS DESCENDANTS, AND ALLIED FAMILIES. Over 28,000 names in the 3 indexes; 3180 total pages.

Some people list Jacob Frantz (married to Barbara Hostetter), and his brother, John Frantz (married to Elizabeth Maria Hostetter), as sons of Michael Frantz II. I think NOT and have pointed out the controversey in my material. I keep hoping to correspond with descendants that may have positive documentation. (Four children of John Frantz married four Hershey children Were the Hershey children brothers and sisters?)

I look forward to hearing from you again, Lois.

Lorraine Frantz Edwards