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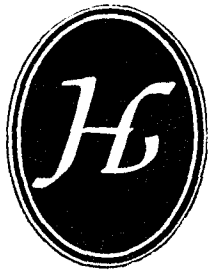


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Madam:

I have a note that at some time you have submitted Showalter genealogy to the Historical Dept at Salt Lake, naming Christian and Barbara Shirk Showalter. May I please ask if you are a desc. of Christian? The enclosed will tell you of my interest. I am much interested in learning more about #3 David and his children. Do we have anything in common. If so I would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you for your time. I promise to respond.

Sincerely,

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Line of descent of Mary Louise Showalter Howes of 3902 Williams Brook, St Joseph, Mo., 1996, from Jacob, the immigrant.

1. Jacob Schowalter, born ca. 1696, Switz. or Germany, came to Philadelphia Nov. 3, 1750, died ca. 1773. Wife, (maybe a second one), Maria, (maybe a Funk) (some believe she was a Saunders)

2. Christian Schowalter, settled in Cocalico Township, Lancaster, Co., Pa. Married Barbara Shirk, inherited her fathers farm, near present day Denver. He was born about 1727, died in Franklin Co., Pa. in 1805.

3. David Showalter, born about 1772, married Hannah _____, settled in Westmoreland Co., Pa. Believed to have died there about 1825. 1805 was on tax list of Hempfield Township, 1810 census was in Mount Pleasant Twp., 1820 census was in Allegney Townsip, all of westmoreland County, does not appear in 1830 census. By 1827 the Widow Hannah, along with some of her children were in Wayne County, Ohio.

4. David Showalter, born July 10, 1804. married first in wayne Co., Ohio to Margaret Likes in 1827, she died _____, he married her 1st counsin, Christina Likes, _____ David died about 1856--he was a resident of Ashland County in 1850. Christina is the line of descent here.

5. David Showalter, born May 17, 1850, md. Edee May Baker , 1871, in Ashland County, Ohio. They came to Holt County Mo. in 1875. He died Oct 20, 1927. Buried Tharps Cem. near Craig, Mo.

6. Abraham H. Showalter, born Sept. 15, 1872, md. in Holt Co. to Lydia Catherine Judy, in 1893, He died in 1944, she in 1920. Buried at Tharps Cemetary.

7. Ralph Abraham Showalter, born Aug. 8, 1898, died Dec. 4, 1985, md. 1st. in 1918 to Bessie Lee Edwards, she died in 1931, md second to Johnnie Bell Veasey, 1936, died 1996, all buried at Tharps Cem.

8. Mary Louise Showalter, dau of Ralph and Bessie, born Jan. 11, 1925 about a quarter mile south of the Tharps Cemetary, near Craig, Mo. Married to Floyd Howes, April 20, 1945

Children:

Marsha Dale--May 20 1946.

Mary Pamela--July 14, 1947.

Floyd Chris--Dec. 31, 1957.

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Dear "cousin" Floyd,

I was surprised -- and pleased -- to hear from you. It is so good to know that you are still devoted to Showalter genealogy.

I wish I could help you -- but I can't. Very honestly, every bit of Showalter information that I have come from sources like yourself. I compiled everything I could find -- published sources -- and entered the information into my computer. I had quite a lot of information and submitted my info on computer disk to the Ancestral File at the Salt Lake City Family History Library. Also listed my name with their Family Registry.

Floyd, I was "doing" Showalter" family history about ten years ago and was thrilled with all the information available. It seems that there are books "galore" and information available from the L.D.S. F.H.C. Then my computer became infected with a "virus" and I lost all my data. I was so discouraged; I didn't want to retype all that information!!

My mother's maiden name is Showalter; my maiden name is FRANTZ. I didn't find published books regarding the Frantz families so decided ~~that~~ perhaps that was my task. For about eight years I have worked almost exclusively on Frantz, and collateral lines.

In May I completed, and self-published, Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. It is in three volumes, with a total of 3200 pages. A total of 28,000 names in the three indexes; over 500 "cousin charts" tracing cousin marriages back to the common ancestor. The books are 8-1/2 x 11 inch and take 9 inches of shelf space. They have a shipping weight of 21 pounds.

Now I've begun to research Frantz, and collateral lines, on the Internet. Although I have documented over 17,500 direct descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz, I have a lot of bare branches on the family tree. I'll probably work on FRANTZ all my life. I may never rebuild my Showalter database of information.

Have you published a Showalter book (besides the booklet with the German name)? I have a photocopy of that booklet and I apologize because I've forgotten the name. I'm typing this letter, at work, and don't have that information available.

Floyd, I will gladly purchase any new material that you have published. I buy books on my lineage surnames so that I have them "in case"....

I'm sending you a "flyer" re: Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. Post it in your local genealogy library or keep it for reference if you hear of anyone researching Frantz. (I'm not trying to sell you a book.)

I'm sending you an Ahnentafel, too, so you can see my Showalter lineage. Frankly, I can't remember the names while sitting here at my typewriter.

I can remember this story that is told about my great-grandfather, George Thomas Showalter. He left his wife and children when my grandfather was a boy. They thought he had been captured and/or killed by indians. Over twenty years later someone reported that a George Thomas Showalter was in a hospital in a nearby state. A daughter and the wife went to visit him and determined that it was their father and husband although the old man was dying and didn't offer any information. The story goes: George was identified by a distinctive mark on his penis. Isn't that a weird story? Not one that we can print in family history books! As far as I know, there were no explanation\$ for George's disappearance. I sometimes wonder if research would reveal that he had a second family somewhere. That would make an ~~interesting~~ interesting article for a genealogy publication.

I'm always thinking "stories and articles." I'm a contributing editor to Mennonite Family History. Are you familiar with that fine quarterly publication?

For your information: The only Showalter to get into the books Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin was/is Daniel Halderman Showalter married to Magdalena Wenger. There's a Frantz connection right there but I can't tell you exactly (because that info is at home). I remember that it is really intermarried at that generation. (That's the nice thing about a computer genealogy software program: It is easy to document the close relationships.) Well, obviously my mother's name is mentioned, too, but married to a Frantz. Her lineage isn't listed.

I'm really getting carried away with this letter (hope you don't mind). My Dad passed away over 30 years ago. I started doing family history about ten years ago. I found that my Mom and Dad were sixth cousins, making me a seventh cousin to myself. I can blame my peculiarities on that, can't I?????? Anyway, Dad didn't know about any common ancestry. It's really strange, too, because their backgrounds were totally different. Different parts of the country; different religion, etc.

I've bored you long enough; will close sending best wishes.

Sincerely, *Lorraine*

Enc: Pedigree chart
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