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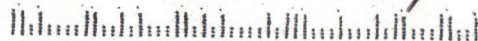


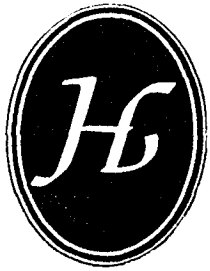
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Dear Lorraine,

How kind of you to take the time to respond---I do recall correspondence with you some years ago. Addressing you was an attempt to solving one of those "brick walls" we run up against in this game. I am a COPD patient, just turned 72, am rather limited in the activity I can do, pounding a typewriter is one I can. So---I have been working on some loose ends. A computer printout from Palt Lake is where I got your name. The question I discussed in my letter to you is not solved and I doubt that it will be. I have just paid a genealogist to do some fine searching in Westmoreland county, Pa. and she found nothing to help. I am convinced the family while residing there just did not leave tracks. They owned no land, no estate was probated. At least I now know.

Your Frantz adventure sound like it was exciting for you, I will post your bulletin. I have not published another Showalter book, nor have any intent to do so. I have told my clan they will have to do the new publication if it ever gets done. Meanwhile I will add to my notes and collection as long as I can.

Thanks for your pedigree chart---may I make one comment---#384---Jacob Showalter Sr. d. Apr. 1773 in Cementon, Chester Co., Pa. I do not believe there is a Cementon in Chester Co. This village is supposed to have got its name at the founding of the Whitehall Cement Company and is in the Lehigh-Northampton County area. Part of the cement co property was on what was once the land of above Jacob. Taken from the History of Lehigh Co. printed in 1911. Jacob Sr. settled there on 450 acres in 1752--should say he "squatted" on it, for he never had a clear title at the time. It really belonged to one Wm. Allen, but a compromise was reached--Jacob Sr. sold $\frac{1}{2}$ of his interest to Allen. Jacob, on Dec. 31, 1759 sold to son Joseph, 150 A., John 150 acres, son Jacob 100 acres and son-in-law, Peter Basler, 100 acres. Joseph sold his land in April of 1771 and went to Chester, followed by John. Jacob Jr. left at about the same time for Bucks Co.

Enjoy^{ed} your story about George Thomas Showalter--indeed it would make a good story to print.

Seems like I ought to have more to offer than critique, I am so glad you took the time to communicate. Thank you so much.

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