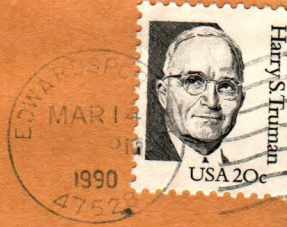
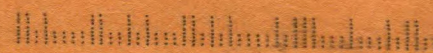


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13 March 1990

Dear Lorraine:

We corresponded last summer, and you ask for Frantz data. Well, I finally got around to putting it together. Sorry to be so slow.

I would welcome corrections or additions, especially on the last 3 generations of Frantz, Adam, Geo Adam, and Baltzer.

I have a copy of Adam Frantz's war record/pension application, if you are interested in that I will make you a copy. No wife or children are named. But it is interesting.

So how is your Frantz book coming along? Wish I had more facts and stories to share. I am sending along 2 pages from the Shonk History. This was written in 1982. This will give you a little background of Martha Magdalena Frantz and their migration to IN. They came to Owen County in 1855 and Jacob died that fall. I read the probate records and Magdalena tried to hold all the land but without a will she got 1/3 and the children 2/3. It was settled in 1858. One brother sold his share to his brothers or sisters and returned to Ohio.

Good Luck with your books and cemetery publication. Let me hear from you again.

Sincerely,

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GENEALOGY OF MARTHA MAGDALENA FRANCE (FRANTZ)
THE WIFE OF JACOB SHONK

In 1732, Ulrich Shirk, with six sons and two daughters, came from Switzerland to find a home in the New World. They landed at Philadelphia, and went to the vicinity of Lancaster, where they remained for a year. In 1733 three of the sons, Ulrich, Casper, and John, with their father, Ulrich, settled in the vicinity of Schoeneck, this township, taking up about fifteen hundred acres of land. Of the other three sons - Michael, Joseph, and Peter - one settled near New Holland, one along the Conestoga, and the other near Mount Joy. Of the two daughters nothing is known.

Ulrich Shirk, who came with his father, Ulrich, was born A.D. 1711, died 1763. He was married to Annie Swar in 1735. (Her mothers maiden name was Adaline Lawrence, and came from France) She was born in 1720 and died in 1810. Ulrich Shirk reared a family of three sons and seven daughters, Ulrich, David, Michael, Elizabeth, Barbara, Annie, Kate, Magdalena, SALLIE, and Maria.

Adam Frantz, born September 6, 1755 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania. There was a will probated on November 17, 1770 at the Lancaster court house of Abram Frantz who had a wife named Ann Maria and two sons, Abraham and Adam. This could be our Adam.

In his pension application, Adam tells of his Revolutionary services and that he was at the historic crossing of the Delaware with George Washington.

In 1787 he moved from Cocalico Township to Windsor Township, York County. He lived there for over thirteen years, then moved to Washington County Pennsylvania then to Tuscarawas County Ohio.

He was married to Sallie Shirk about 1781 or 1782 and died in December of 1834. Sallie was the daughter of the above named Ulrich Shirk.

Adam and Sallie reared nine children: Adam Jr. , John, David, MARTHA MAGDALENA, Sarah, Mary, Hannah, Katie, and Eve.

On June 3, 1819 Martha Magdalena married Jacob Shonk. This union was the beginning of our Shonk family.

NOTE: The name Frantz - France. The original spelling was Frantz but after moving to Tuscarawas County, Ohio it was usually spelled France.

There was a large Shank family that first settled in the Lancaster - Dauphin County, Pennsylvania area. There was one Michael Shank family that some people think could be the fore-runner to our Shonk family, but we made several trips to that area and did extensive research on his family. We got much information but no evidence that it was our family.

Now, getting back to our Jacob Shonk family. We have no evidence where Jacob and Magdalena lived when they were first married but they purchased 80 acres of land on what is now Sugarcreek Township road 363. They made additional purchases in the next couple of years until they had a large farm. Part of this land is what we remember as the Shonk farm which stayed in the family for three generations.

Jacob and Magdalena raised ten children on this farm. Later on they got the urge to move to Indiana. In the fall of 1854 they sold most of their land to a son, Jacob Jr. and the rest of the land to a son in law, Jonathan Auman. In the spring of 1855, Jacob, his wife and the eight youngest children and their families (some were married at that time) headed west. Perhaps there was a wagon train as we have evidence that many other people moved from the Tuscarawas County, Ohio area to Owen County, Indiana in the 1855 area.

Jacob bought a farm near Patricksburg, Owen County and the married children also purchased land in that area at the same time. Jacob died in the fall of that same year, 1855, and is buried in the Dutch Bethel Cemetery in Arney, south of Patricksburg. His wife, Magdalena died in 1861 and is buried in the Beech Cemetery, a few miles west of Patricksburg.

All the children remained there except Henry, and many of their descendants still reside in that area. Henry sold his farm in Indiana in 1858 and returned to Ohio and bought land near the original Shonk farm.

Susanna, the oldest child of Jacob and Magdalena Shonk was married to Jonathan Auman. They at first owned an 80 acre farm that joined the south edge of the Shonk farm which they sold to Jacob Shonk Jr. in 1850 and then settled on a large farm on the Dover-Winfield road where they spent the rest of their lives.

Jacob Shonk Jr. the second child of Jacob and Magdalena (France) Shonk who bought the Shonk farm when the family moved to Indiana, was married to Nancy Silvius and they spent their entire life on that farm. We will give you an account of the will of Jacob Shonk Jr. It may be a bit dull for many of you to read this that are not in the direct family of Jacob Jr. but we feel that we must present it in order to finish the story of what finally happened to the Shonk farm.

Notes

Other Frantz researchers:

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She is a descendent of George Adam's brother Abraham. She is a stickler for proof. This note from another researcher!

Martha A. Green
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This lady has John Frantz b. 1725 as the father of Adam D. Frantz b. 1755. (I believe John is an uncle)

I have not corresponded with the two above names.

Helen L. Smith
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This lady is about 80 years young, a very good researcher. She has sent me most of what Frantz information I have. I sent her a copy of your chart and newsletter.

Dear Gloria

Mar. 26, 1990

Thanks for your recent correspondence. Unfortunately, I do not recognize any of your names. I do not have any Baltzer info that I'm aware of. Your very best bet would be to contact Evelyn Rosemary Frantz because she, too, is a Baltzar descendent--and a remarkably helpful lady!! I wouldn't be to first base with my research (and compiling) if it weren't for Rosemary. I'll keep yours for future reference and maybe some day I'll find connecting--and additional--data. **** My Frantz book is coming right along; I have lots of information on Michael & Christian lines. I probably won't print a book for several years. *** I just completed and published a 280 page book on the LaVerne, CA cemetery. No

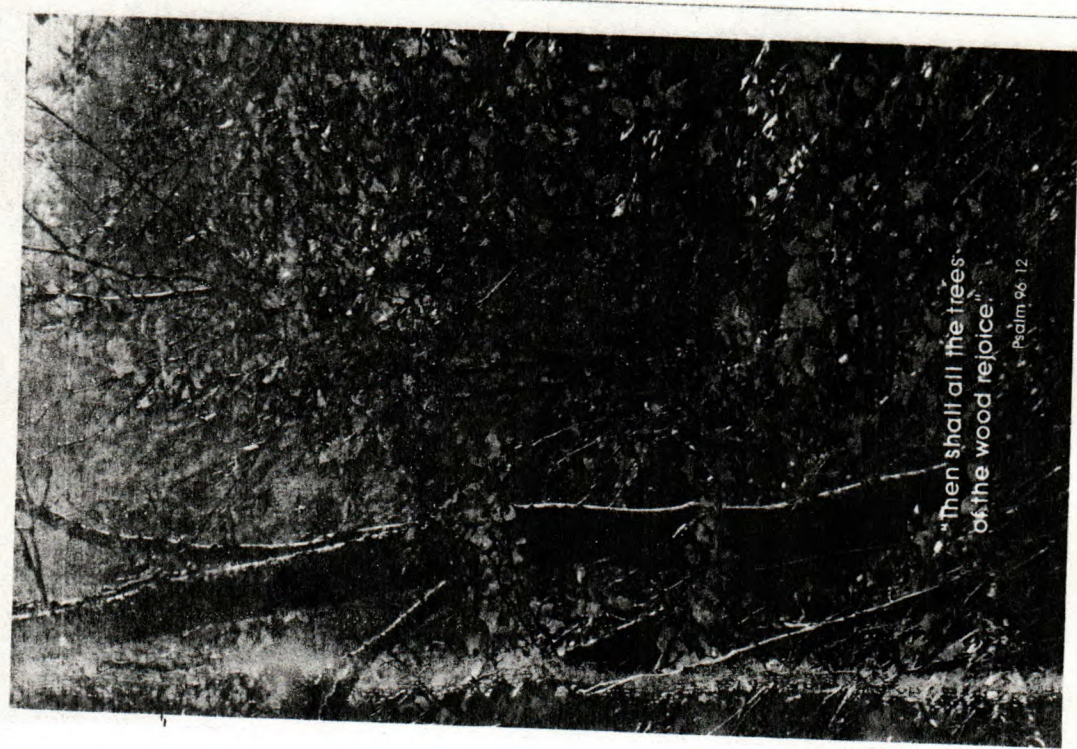
more books for a while!!! Regards, Lorraine Frantz Edwards
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"Then shall all the trees
of the wood rejoice"

Psalms 96:12