

Lorraine Frantz Edwards here transcribing a letter from Mr. Alvin D. Frantz of Plymouth, Wisconsin, to Mr. George Frantz, Ladoga, Indiana. This is the eight letter in a series dated in 1946.

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Plymouth, Wisconsin  
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Mr. George Frantz  
Ladoga, Indiana

Dear Mr. Frantz

I now am in possession of additional data as revealed in several deeds, on record in Botetourt Co., Va., relating to land deals. A tract of land (282 acres) was jointly owned by Christian Frantz, your great, great grandfather and my great, great great grand uncle, Michael Frantz (presumably a brother to my great grandfather Mathies), and John Honts or Houtz, a brother-in-law of Christian Frantz (VI) (your great great grandfather). Ohio deed bears the date of Dec 8, 1801 and the tract of land was still owned by the three persons, mentioned, when Christian passed away along about 1807-8, and was not sold until 1830 – apparently not until Mathies, the youngest heir of Christian VI, who was born in 1808, became of age. The other heirs were as follows: Henry Frantz, Jacob Frantz, Mathies, your great grandfather, and Anna Trout, who was married to a Michael Trout. This recent discovery as you will observe, gives us the names of all of Mathies Frantzes brothers and sisters and should be of great interest to you folks and especially your father. Now, I also am in touch with a living descendant of Jacob Frantz, in Roanoke Va., undoubtedly a relative of all us, who informs me that an old Aunt of his visited the Lodoga Frantzes about the time of the Civil War. This gentleman is quite old but if you folks would like to contact him I will gladly send you his address. Owing to the fact that the different generations are easily confused, I will repeat once more my line of descent: Christian I who came to America in 1732 and settled in Berks County (then a part of Lancaster County) Penn., Christian II, Christian III. Christian III had the following sons Michael, Christian (your GGGGrandfather), Mathies (my great grandfather), John and Henry. Christian III sold his farm in 1794 and in 1795 migrated along with the Moyer (Myers) Hontzes and others to Virginia. All of Christian (III) sons accompanied him to Va., except Mathies who remained in Penn. because his wife, my great grandmother refused to go along. It may be of further interest to you to know that I have located living descendants of Henry Frantz, son of Christian III near Dayton Ohio. Henry Frantz moved from Virginia to Ohio in 1825. There are also descendants of Michael Frantz in Ohio. So far, all the sons of Christian III are accounted for, except John. No attempt has been made, as yet, to follow out the lines of the various daughters of Christian III and there were five of them. One was married to a Basehour, one to a Gaiby, one to a Harshbarger and one to a Wertz. One daughter Anna apparently was still single when the will of Christian III was probated in 1824. This is not a very fancy letter as I wanted to make it as simple as I could for we are dealing with a difficult subject, so please overlook all mistakes, and in conclusion let me say, that a reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in haste-  
A.D. Frantz