

Lorraine Frantz Edwards here transcribing a letter from Mr. Alvin D. Frantz of Plymouth, Wisconsin, to Mr. George Frantz, Ladoga, Indiana. This is the ninth letter in a series dated in 1946-47.

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Plymouth, Wisconsin  
Feb. 20, 1947

Mr. George Frantz  
Ladoga, Indiana

Dear Mr. Frantz

I am returning to you, with my thanks, Rev. Winger's letter. I regret to say Rev. Winger passed away last summer in the belief, I think, that he was a descendant of Elder Michael, whereas he was descended from Michael, the son of Christian III (my line) according to the will of Michael who died in Va., about 1831. Michael along with John Houtz was an Administrator of the estate of Christian VI [*sic*]\*, who died intestate. Christian (VI) [*sic*]\*, as I already informed you, was the father of Mathies your Great Grandfather. I would like to know what your Dad's reaction was to my discovery – to me it meant a thrill.

Truly yours  
A.D. Frantz

\* Lorraine believes the writer meant Christian IV.

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Copy of a letter from Otho Winger to William Frantz. This is in a woman's easy-to-read handwriting but no indication of who copied the letter from the original.

The following is a copy of a letter from Otho Winger of North Manchester Dec. 5, 1941.

William Frantz  
Ladoga, Ind.

Dear Mr. Frantz:

I was at your home today. Perhaps your daughter-in-law told you about it. I wanted to see you about your branch of the Frantz family. My great grandmother was a Frantz. They tell me you are a grandson of Matthias Frantz who was a Dunkard preacher at Ladoga. I have wondered whether my great grandmother and your grandfather might have been related. I will give you my ancestral line back for a few generations and it may be you can tell whether there is anything in common: My father was – John Winger – lived near Marion, Ind. Died 1922. His father was – Joseph Winger – lived in Grant Co., died 1895. His mother was – Elizabeth Frantz who married Martin Winger, my great grandfather. Her father was -- Michael Frantz III. He lived & died in Botetourt Co., Va. His father was –

Michael Frantz II who married Magdalena Zug (Zook) in Pennsylvania about 1750. They had eight sons: Christian, Daniel, Michael, Peter, John, Jacob, David & Abraham. Michael II and most of his family moved Botetourt Co. Va. About the close of the Revolutionary War. Christian & Daniel moved to Clark Co. Ohio about the first of the last century. They have many descendants today. Children of the other boys moved in to Indiana & elsewhere. I am wondering whether your grandfather Matthias Frantz might have been the son or grandson of one of the eight boys.

Michael Frantz I, father of Michael Frantz II, came from Switzerland about 1727. So far as I know he had but one son, Michael, who in turn had the eight sons. I am sorry we could not wait today until you came home. I am much interested in this history & hope you will give me what information you may have.

Sincerely,  
Otho Winger