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THE FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY  
of  
JOSEPH AND CATHERINE (BOSHART) JANTZI  
CHRISTIAN AND CATHERINE (BOSHART, JANTZI) RISER  
JOHN AND ANNA (JAUSI) ULRICH

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## INTRODUCTION

This genealogy of the Jantzi and Ulrich families had its beginning in November, 1971, as my husband and I were driving through Nebraska. As I glanced at the map, I noticed the town of Milford was just off the highway. To me, Milford meant Grandpa Yantzi, an uncle or two and some cousins. My family had visited there about 1911. On impulse I said, "Let's stop and see if there are any Yantzis left in Milford." I knew little about my father's family, had never been interested in learning about family roots, and the possibility of beginning a genealogy never crossed my mind. But the contact made that Sunday afternoon was the first step in a fascinating study which lasted more than a decade.

Mrs. Lee Jantze of Milford directed me to their son, Larry, of Normal, Illinois, who had collected information about the Jantzi family in Canada. The material Larry sent helped me to determine that of the three Christian Jantzis in this larger family, my grandfather was Christian B., son of Joseph and Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi. I also learned that Larry was working on the genealogy of his great-grandfather, Joseph B. Jantzi, youngest brother of my grandfather.

I am greatly indebted to the many key people who had some information about the Jantzi-Ulrich story and who pointed me to others who could also help. I am ashamed to admit that before beginning this genealogy, I was not aware that my grandfather was Amish Mennonite. This I learned from reading his obituary, and this discovery added a whole new dimension to the project.

In 1972 my husband and I made two trips to Ontario, Canada, one of which was to attend the 150th anniversary celebration of the coming of the Amish Mennonites to Canada. Ralph Jantzi, Lloyd Bowman and Daniel L. Jantzi shared a great amount of Jantzi information and directed us to others in the Baden-Wellesley area who could help. We also visited cemeteries, checked records and located my grandfather's farm. Daniel shared letters written by Lena Sutter of Milford. Subsequently, Lena and Dan, and others to whom they referred me, provided much information about the Jantzi-Ulrich families in Milford.

In 1973 I put together a small mimeographed booklet containing the data I had collected and mailed a copy to descendants of my grandfather for whom I had addresses. I asked them to share any information they might have about the Yantzi family, fill in the information asked for on the enclosed forms and return them to me. I promised when all replies had been received, I would revise the booklet and make it available to the descendants of Christian B. Yantzi. It was as simple as that -- just sharing a few records which might be of interest to members of the Jantzi-Yantzi family. But I had not counted on the rich resources available or the stimulation and challenge which can develop from such a humble beginning.

Then Lorraine Roth of Kitchener, Ontario, genealogist and historian, entered my life and new possibilities developed. She had seen a copy of the booklet I had prepared and wrote to inquire about my work. I learned she had just completed a John Jantzi genealogy (older brother of my great-grandfather) and had great interest in helping to preserve the record of the early Amish Mennonite families who had come to Canada from Europe between 1824 and 1850. She opened up for me a much wider horizon, providing increased motivation. Lorraine was not only a source of valuable information, particularly related to European Mennonite history and research, but she was to become the pilot of this project and the one who brought it to its completion.

A trip in 1976 to Lewis County, New York, where the early Jantzis had settled and where John Ulrich had lived, resulted in a reassessment of the project and a determination to enlarge it. Louise Litwiller shared with me basic information about the John and Mary (Yancey) Ulrich family. By completing this family line and by adding my grandfather's two sisters, one of whom had married Nicholas Ulrich, we could, with what had already been done, go back another generation and include all of the descend-

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ants of Joseph and Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi and John and Anna Ulrich.

Health problems for me and my husband in 1978 and 1979, and our move to Oklahoma in 1980 made it very difficult to continue working on the project. Fortunately, enough work had been done so that by the time of Arthur's illness and death in May of 1982, Lorraine Roth had taken charge of and kept the project moving toward completion.

Toward the end of 1982 I spent a month in her home helping with the proof-reading, indexing and lay-out. It was a laborious task for both of us, but was balanced by many deeply rewarding experiences. We had the opportunity to visit in the homes of several distant cousins, see the land on which my great-grandfather lived, worship with various Mennonite groups, witness an ordination service, be a part of a house church, and most enriching of all, worship in an Amish Mennonite service which was akin to the services my father would have experienced in his childhood. The month was a rich culmination of a decade of learning about the Jantzi-Ulrich family and has increased my desire to continue learning about the people of the Mennonite faith.

My greatest regret is that my husband, Arthur Hulburt Ryan, did not live to see the work, of which he was such a great part, completed and published. He took me to all of the places I wanted to visit -- two trips each to Canada, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma; also to New York, Minnesota and Kansas. He helped check cemeteries and courthouse records, read microfilm, helped with mail, and was a part of countless interviews. He was a faithful minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a loving husband, a patient and wise father and grandfather, and I dedicate the portion of my work on this project to him.

*Ruth Jantzi Ryan*



*people who have not the pride  
to record their history  
will not long have the virtues  
to make history worth recording;  
and no people  
who are indifferent to their past  
need hope to make  
their future great*

From 150 Years, Sesquicentennial of the  
Amish Mennonites of Ontario, 1972



Ruth (Yantzi) and Arthur H. Ryan



Lorraine Roth

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Working on a family history of this type is a very intense experience. The work involved in bringing it to completion is monumental. However, the rewards of discovery, new and deep friendships, and then finally a bound volume to share with all who so generously helped to bring it about cancels out all of the tedium.

Learning to know Ruth and Arthur through this project has been a delight. I also cherish the many other contacts through visits and letters. My life has been greatly enriched by learning to know the Jantzi-Riser-Ulrich families. I trust that all those who will read this book will be able to share in this enrichment.

Where do I fit into the Jantzi picture? I am not a descendant of Joseph, but his sister Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel was my great-great-grandmother. On page 6, Veronica Kennel (right hand column), who married Christian Schrag and later George Schultz, was my great-grandmother. Thus Ruth Ryan and myself are third cousins once removed -- that is, Ruth and my father were third cousins.

We have tried very hard to record accurately the information received. We ask your pardon where we have wrongly interpreted or recorded it, and do solicit your corrections.

Yes, we know how to spell, and, no, we are not making typing errors. Many names have a variety of spellings, and the Jantzi name is no exception. The above spellings are all found in this book, and we have tried carefully to use the spelling that persons themselves use or used. Other spellings which have been found, particularly on maps or documents are: Jansey, Jansy, Iantzi, Yontzie, Jantzie, Yonsey, Chancey, Yanshie, Yance.

One of the explanations for the variety is probably because a Germanic name, both in its written and oral form, is being transplanted into an English context. The written German "J" can be easily interchanged with an "I." To the English-speaking person, it both looks and sounds like a "Y." In Canada both the Jantzi and Yantzi spellings maintain a "Y" sound. In the United States, those who have retained the spelling Jantzi frequently have adopted the "J" sound ("Chantzi").

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A project of this kind is the result of the work of many people. Ruth Yantzi Ryan and Lorraine Roth are listed as the compilers of this book. Without the cooperation of each family, however, we would have been helpless. To all of you who responded, thanks. A number of people submitted biographies, stories or other information. We have tried to acknowledge these where they have been quoted. Thanks to you for these contributions.

Still others provided much assistance in supplying and gathering information on a broader or more general scale. Our thanks and gratitude to the following:

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Louise Litwiller who shared her information on the John and Mary (Yancey) Ulrich family and Sidney Herzig who updated much of it, and did additional research.

Shirley (Jantzi) Boshart who helped with details on several family lines -- Ulrich, Schweitzer, Jantze

Dorothy (Swartzentruber) Sauder who collected the information on the Mary (Lichti) and Solomon Leis family.

Dr. Delbert Gratz, historian and librarian at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, who did the research in the archives in Metz, France.

We also used extensively the work of Nancy Jantzi Kuepfer (Mrs. Menno W.) and the Christian B. Jantzi and Anna Lichty genealogy, compiled by Fannie Eash, for the Catherine and Joseph B. Lichti family. A genealogy of the Absalom P. Hershberger family provided information for a segment of the Joseph B. Jantzi family. The Nafziger Family History, 1830 - 1966 by Ezra A. Nafziger provided the basis for the Andrew Nafziger and Catherine (Schweitzer) family. The Family Record, David J. Schweitzer and Laura B. Stutzman -- both editions were also used extensively.

The writing for the background materials and most biographies, except where otherwise stated, was done by Lorraine Roth. Ruth Ryan did the writing for the Christian B. Yantzi family biographical materials. Lorraine did the typing for the final copy.

The first part of this book contains background material for the Jantzi and Boshart families. It delves back into both their genealogical and spiritual roots in Europe, Lewis County, New York, and Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada. This is followed by the five sections of genealogies of the five married children of Joseph and Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi. The next section is the family of Christian Riser and Catherine, the widow of Joseph Jantzi. The last genealogical section gives the Ulrich family background as well as the genealogy of John and Mary (Yancey) Ulrich. For the sake of economy, all pictures are found in the introduction to each of these sections. The biographies are found with the respective families or persons.

The Appendix lists information received after the final copy for that particular family was typed, but before the manuscript went to the printer. The index at the end is arranged alphabetically, first by surname, then by given name. All descendants and most spouses should be listed. Wives are listed under their husband's surname with their maiden name (and previous marriage names) in brackets. All pages on which something significant is found about each person are given. Parents of spouses and the many other persons related to but not descended from Joseph Jantzi, John Ulrich and Christian Riser are not found in the index. The charts on pages vi and vii and 6, 7, and 8 also are not covered in the index. All of the above sections are separated by a colored, blank sheet which should help the reader find his way more easily.

If we consider Joseph Jantzi and John Ulrich as generation 1, their children will be generation 2, and they appear at the top of the pages of their respective family sections. For the following generations the numbering system is as follows:

- |              |                         |  |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| Generation 3 | - I., II., III., etc.   | (Note: The Riser family is considered as one unit. Generation 2 will be I., II., III., etc.) |
| "            | 4 - A., B., C., etc.    |  |
| "            | 5 - 1., 2., 3., etc.    |  |
| "            | 6 - a., b., c., etc.    |  |
| "            | 7 - (1), (2), (3), etc. |  |
| "            | 8 - (a), (b), (c), etc. |  |

We have carried forward all of the generations at the top left of each page. Thus each person is able to trace quickly and easily his direct ancestor through the names at the top left to the names at the top of the page who are the sons and daughters of the Jantzi, Riser, or Ulrich progenitors featured in this book.

The information format is as follows:

- |   | BORN           | DIED           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| I. Generation 3 - direct descendant (occupation)            | date of birth  | date of death  |
| marriage date and place                                     | place of birth | place - burial |
| name of spouse (occupation) parents of spouse               | date of birth  | date of death  |
| church affiliation (line above is continued here if needed) | place of birth | place - burial |
| current address (or residence when living)                  |                |                |
| A. Generation 4 (direct descendant)                         |                |                |
| (repeat as above)   |                |                |
| 1. Generation 5 (direct descendant)                         |                |                |
| (repeat as above)   |                |                |
| a. Generation 6 (direct descendant)                         |                |                |
| (repeat as above)   |                |                |
| (1) Generation 7 (direct descendant)                        |                |                |
| (repeat as above)   |                |                |
| (a) Generation 8 (direct descendant)                        |                |                |
| (repeat as above)   |                |                |

STATISTICS

A quick count of the Jantzi-Ulrich-Riser families produces the following statistics:

Total number of descendants:	4950
Total with spouses:	6876
There are 557 deaths, which leaves	-557
	6319 living

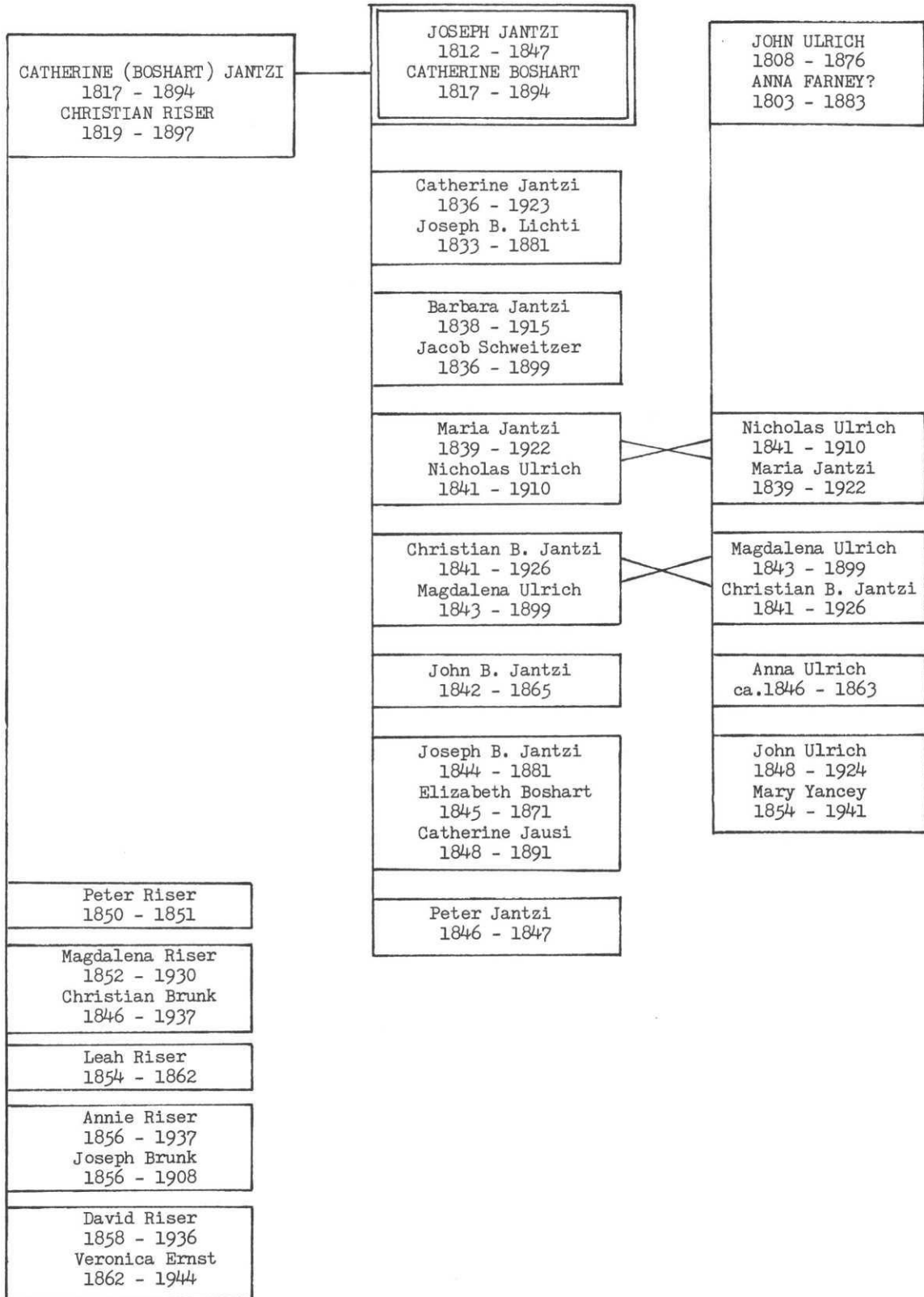
Note: Due to intermarriages a number of people are counted twice. However, a few families did not report; so these figures are only approximate.

Jantzi family direct descendants:	3532
Total with spouses:	5192
Ulrich family direct descendants:	1591
Total with spouses:	2109
Riser family direct descendants:	312
Total with spouses:	437

The Christian B. and Magdalena (Ulrich) Yantzi family and the Maria (Jantzi) and Nicholas Ulrich family are included in both the Jantzi and Ulrich family statistics.

THE JANTZI / RISER / ULRICH FAMILY

The chart below is a brief outline of the various related families whose genealogies appear in this book. The chart on the opposite page includes the next generation.



JOSEPH JANTZI  
1812-1847  
CATHERINE BOSHART  
1817-1894

Christian Lichti  
m. Catherine Leis  
Veronica Lichti  
m. Nicolaus Jantzi  
Catherine Lichti  
m. John Gascho  
Menno Lichti  
m. Elizabeth Jantzi  
Rudolph Lichti  
m. Leah Jantzi  
Rachel Schrag  
David J. Lichti  
m. Barbara Schultz  
Nancy Lichti  
m. Daniel Schmidt  
Moses Lichti  
m. Anna Lichti  
Barbara Lichti  
m. Jacob S. Erb  
Mary Lichti  
m. Solomon R. Leis

Catherine Jantzi  
1836-1923  
Joseph B. Lichti  
1833-1881

Barbara Jantzi  
1838-1915  
Jacob Schweitzer  
1836-1899

Catherine Schweitzer  
m. Andrew Nafziger  
Mary Schweitzer  
m. Samuel Axt  
Elizabeth Schweitzer  
m. John K. Hershberger  
Jacob J. Schweitzer  
m. Sarah Ann Allen  
Christian Schweitzer  
m. Nancy Jausi  
David J. Schweitzer  
m. Laura Belle Stutzman  
Mose J. Schweitzer  
m. Lovina Stutzman

Maria Jantzi  
1839-1922  
Nicholas Ulrich  
1841-1910

Anna Ulrich  
m. Gustaf Hermann  
Katherine Ulrich  
m. Joseph H. Roth  
Mattie Ulrich  
m. Daniel Boshart  
Mary Ulrich  
m. Absalom Hershberger  
Barbara Ulrich  
m. Benjamin Roth

Christian B.  
Yantzi  
1841-1926  
Magdalena  
Ulrich  
1843-1899

John U. Yantzi  
Joseph U. Yantzi  
m. Catherine Ernst  
Christian U. Yantzie  
m. Elizabeth Erb  
Nicholas U. Jantzi  
m. Susie Jausi  
David U. Yantzi  
m. Maggie Wettlaufer  
Anna Yantzi  
m. Benjamin Thompson  
Rufus Huff  
Daniel U. Yantzi  
m. Margaret May Harp  
Mattie Yantzi  
m. Daniel Edney  
Moses Yantzi  
m. Minnie Myrtle Harp  
May (Winters) Dukes  
Mary Yantzi  
m. Richard Taylor

John B. Jantzi  
1842-1865

Rachael Jantze  
m. William Beckler  
Jonas J. Jantze  
m. Lavina Hershberger  
John J. Jantze  
m. Emma Schrock  
Amos J. Jantze  
m. Katherine Zimmerman  
Catherine Jantze  
m. Harvey Harshberger  
Sarah Jantze  
m. Joseph Hershberger

Joseph B. Jantzi  
1844-1881  
Elizabeth Boshart  
1845-1871  
Catherine Jausi  
1848-1891

Peter Jantzi  
1846-1847

CHRISTIAN RISER  
1819-1897  
CATHERINE  
(BOSHART) RISER  
1817-1894

Peter Riser  
1850-1851

Magdalena Riser  
1852-1930  
Christian Brunk  
1846-1937

Leah Riser  
1854-1862

Annie Riser  
1856-1937  
Joseph Brunk  
1856-1908

David Riser  
1858-1936  
Veronica Ernst  
1862-1944

Catherine Brunk  
m. Rudy B. Jantzi  
David Brunk  
m. Annie Bast  
Sarah Brunk  
m. Peter Bast  
Menno Brunk  
m. Eliza Hunt  
Peter Brunk  
m. Sarah Ropp  
Christian Brunk  
m. Fannie Kropf  
John R. Brunk  
m. Annie Ropp  
Amos Brunk  
m. Madeline Nafziger  
Mary Gerber  
Laura Brunk  
m. Joseph R. Leis

Catherine Brunk  
m. John Everatt  
Magdalena Brunk  
m. Joseph Bast

JOHN ULRICH  
1808-1876  
ANNA FARNEY?  
1803-1883

Nicholas Ulrich  
1841-1910  
Maria Jantzi  
1839-1922

Magdalena Ulrich  
1843-1899  
Christian B. Yantzi  
1841-1926

Anna Ulrich  
1846-1863

John Ulrich  
1848-1924  
Mary Yancey  
1854-1941

Anna Ulrich  
m. Frederick Herzig  
Peter Ulrich  
m. Anna Hunziker  
Mattie Ulrich  
m. Daniel Albrecht  
John Ulrich  
m. Esther Steiner  
Ben Ulrich  
Minnie Ulrich  
m. John Yousey  
Louise Ulrich  
m. Richard Wideman

Note: We are aware that some of these families had children who died young. They will be included in the book, but were left out here due to lack of space. Some initials have also been omitted for the sake of brevity.

In order to understand the Jantzi, Riser, Ulrich, Boshart and related families, one needs to go back beyond the migration to the United States and Canada to find what were the forces which molded their lives and outlook. One needs to go back at least to Reformation times to find clues to answer these questions.

Martin Luther had begun his reform movement in Germany about 1517. Ulrich Zwingli was the leader who championed reformation in Switzerland. He had a group of student followers who were anxious for him to put his new ideas into practice. They had hoped he would abolish the Mass and infant baptism. They felt that only those who confessed Jesus Christ and agreed to follow him should be baptized into the church. Zwingli believed this also, but was not willing to move ahead without the consent of the City Council. City Council was not ready for such a drastic change in the social structure of society and dealt harshly with those who preached and taught this new doctrine. In January, 1525 Council decreed that those who were from other cantons and who preached against infant baptism were to be banished from Zurich.

The evening of the day this decree was issued, a group of people gathered to talk and pray at the home of Mrs. Manz in Zurich. At this meeting Georg Blaurock asked Conrad Grebel to baptize him and then Blaurock baptized the others. The group well knew that they were defying the laws of City Council, but they felt the Spirit of the Lord was upon them and they called out those from the group who should be responsible to preach, teach and baptize. They were confident that this was the time to set up a New Testament Church, let come what may.

The Brethren insisted on adult baptism because they saw the church as a group of believers who voluntarily and responsibly committed themselves to Jesus Christ and to each other. The concept of State Church at this time in history needed to retain infant baptism to insure stability in society as it was then understood. Hence a clash was inevitable. The Brethren understood church membership to mean commitment and holy living for all members, not only for the clergy or religious orders. The Brethren also believed the way of the Christian to be the way of the cross. This meant absorbing hostility and violence but not inflicting injury on another, not even in retaliation. The refusal to bear arms also brought them into conflict with princes and rulers who were becoming increasingly involved in wars.

A short distance from Zurich on the shores of Lake Zurich is the village of Zollikon. Johann Brotli, the pastor in the Zollikon Church had resigned some time previously because of pressure from Zurich against his preaching concerning the Mass and baptism. Only a few days after the meeting in Zurich, George Blaurock and Felix Manz were invited by Brotli and others to come to Zollikon. They met in the house of Marx Boshart and his wife and father-in-law. Marx had been in on some of the conversations and had witnessed the baptism of his brother-in-law, Fridli Schumacher. But, Marx did not consider himself to be a religious man and did not plan to become involved in this new movement. However, the meeting that night changed the course of Marx Boshart's life.

The Church at Zollikon grew rapidly, but the City Council gave them no peace. It was not long until Marx and others were imprisoned in Zurich. After a few weeks Zwingli convinced them to promise not to baptize anyone and set them free. Some of them, including Marx Boshart, broke their promise and became active again. At the time of the second imprisonment of Zollikon's men, Marx happened to be out of town. With so many of the leaders in the Zollikon Church in prison or scattered, Marx was chosen also to preach and baptize. Conrad Grebel invited Marx to accompany him on a preaching and teaching tour at Gröningen and surrounding district.

All this activity resulted in Marx's imprisonment a second time. He was determined to stand true, but after a month of solitary confinement, seeing others recant and go home, and Zwingli's arguments to have patience with the State Church, Marx again gave in. Further imprisonment of influential leaders finally dampened the enthusiasm of the Zollikon Church, and they discontinued their meetings and evangelistic activities.

The Anabaptist movement spread and flourished in other parts of Switzerland. "Anabaptist" was the term used of those who were re-baptized. The Anabaptists called themselves "Brothers." Conrad Grebel died of the plague after being severely weakened by his prison experience. Felix Manz was drowned in the river in Zurich. George Blaurock was beaten and banished from the canton. Upon leaving Zurich, Blaurock continued his activities in the Canton of Bern.

At this point documentation for Marx Boshart ends. The Church in Zurich and Zollikon never recovered. Although Blaurock was later also banished from the Canton of Bern, it was here that Anabaptism flourished and could not be stamped out. Persecution continued here, usually resulting in banishment for those who refused to recant. Those banished generally followed the Rhine River, disembarking in Alsace-Lorraine on the west of the river or in the Black Forest or the Palatinate on the east. A few found their way to Holland. Some also managed to remain in the canton by retreating to the hills -- especially the Juras in the western part of Switzerland.

At the same time that the Swiss Brethren were active spreading their views in Switzerland and neighboring countries, the movement was also growing in Holland. A Dutch priest by the name of Menno Simons had joined the group. He gave a great deal of stability to the new church by his teaching and extensive writings. In time, the Swiss Brethren also adopted the name "Mennonite" (from Menno Simons).

At the close of the seventeenth century a young bishop by the name of Jacob Ammann became disturbed at the trends in the church and began insisting on stricter regulations in matters of dress and wearing the beard. A more important issue, however, was the practice of the Meidung (shunning of disciplined brothers). He taught that erring members should not only be barred from the communion table but should be shunned in social and business affairs also. Since not everyone agreed with Ammann, a rift finally took place between those who subscribed to Ammann's teaching and those who did not. Many churches in the Alsace and some in other areas did comply with Ammann and became known as "Amish."

Today most Amish and Mennonites who trace their ancestry to Alsace-Lorraine, the Palatinate, the Black Forest, Bavaria or Switzerland are descendants of Bernese Anabaptists. We presume that the Jantzi, Boshart, Ulrich and other related families with which we are concerned in this genealogy had their origins in Switzerland, but at this writing

we are unable to provide the specific links between Alsace-Lorraine and Switzerland. It would be exciting, indeed, to trace the Bosharts back to Marx Boshart of Zollikon, but we shall leave that as a challenge to future researchers!

The Marx Boshart story is taken from Fire in the Zurich Hills by Joseph Stoll. Aylmer, Ontario: Pathway Publishing Corporation. c1973.

The book may be ordered from Pathway Books, Route 4, Box 266, LaGrange IN 46761.

Stoll's primary source of information was Quellen Zur Geschichte der Täufer in der Schweiz, Zurich. This book contains all the mandates, court records, and miscellaneous data relating to the Anabaptists in the Canton of Zurich for the decade, 1523-33.

For Further Reading: An Introduction to Mennonite History by Cornelius J. Dyck, Editor. Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press. Revised ed., 1981.

#### THE EUROPEAN SCENE IN THE 1820'S

By 1820 the Anabaptist movement was almost 300 years old. Prolonged persecution had taken its toll. The Anabaptists had by now given up their mission activities in exchange for tolerance.

Many of the Swiss Brethren had been banished from their native Switzerland, and their descendants were found on both sides of the Rhine in France and in Germany. A few small migrations had left the Palatinate for Pennsylvania during the latter part of the 17th century and during the 18th century up to the time of the American Revolution.

The Anabaptists of the Netherlands had by this time found tolerance, influence, and some wealth. This was not the case with those of Swiss descent. The area in which they were located was a frequent battle ground, and the industrious Anabaptists (or Mennonites as they preferred to be called) were tolerated mainly for their contribution to building up the agriculture of the area after each military escapade. The latest of these was Napoleon's exploits throughout all of Europe.

Napoleon's military expeditions required more soldiers than there were volunteers; so he resorted to conscription. The Mennonites sent several delegations to Paris to request exemption. It is said that Napoleon told one group that if they did not like it, they could go elsewhere! The general populace, whether Catho-

lic or Lutheran, were not in favor of Napoleon's aggressive wars either, but the non-resistant Mennonites found this situation quite intolerable.

Another one of Napoleon's impositions was the secularization of vital statistics. Until this time the Church (the Catholic Church to Reformation times, and the state churches after that) had presided at all births (through baptism), marriages and deaths. Since Anabaptists were outside of the State Church, this caused them many problems. Napoleon's institution of state records and marriage in the name of the law may have been a relief to the Anabaptists, but having to appear before the French authorities on every occasion especially for the solemnization of their marriages also must have been somewhat frustrating. However, since it was not a faith matter, they complied.

Economically, the Amish and Mennonites had a very bleak future. In most cases they could be discriminated against because of their being aliens or Anabaptists at the mere whim of any prince or local ruler. They could not own land and frequently lost any other accumulated goods in fines or taxes. This situation and the opening up of travel between Europe and America following the Revolutionary War, made the expectations of religious and economic freedom worth risking the hazardous journey into the unknown.

THE JANTZI FAMILY IN FRANCE

As was mentioned earlier, it is quite certain that the Jantzis had joined the Swiss Brethren movement in Switzerland and were among those banished from their homeland rather than give up their faith. The earliest Jantzi for whom

we have documentation was Michael, born about 1719. His death was recorded on August 28, 1822 at the age of 103 years. It is translated from the French as follows:

Death of  
Michel  
Jantzi  
the 28th August  
1822

The year one thousand eight hundred the twenty ninth August at six o'clock in the morning appeared before us, Hoeffler, Mayor, Registrar of the Parish of Bistroff, Department of Moselle, Canton of Grostenquin, Christian Jantzi, age fifty-two years, farmer at Belgrad of this Parish, Michel Salzmann, age forty-one years, farmer at the Mill of Bischvalt, who declared to us that Michel Jantzi age one hundred and three years seven months died yesterday at eleven o'clock in the morning at the farm Belgrad, the first his son, the second his neighbor, who signed with me the present death record after it was read.

Signatures: Christel Jantzi Michel Salzmann  
Hoeffler, Mayor

(Note: Spellings of names of places and people as in original record)

Although we have no death record of Michael's wife, her name, Barbe Guerber (Barbara Gerber), is given in the marriage record of their son Christian to Anne Farny.

Since the record describes in detail the procedure of the marriage ceremony as well as many other items of interest, it is here translated in full:

Today 12th ventos the second year of the United French Republic\* at ten o'clock in the morning before me Paul Louis Maillet member of the general council of the Parish of Bistroff, department of Moselle, chosen the 10th of December of the year 1792, to draw up the records pertaining to birth, marriage and death of the citizens, have appeared in my house, the place designated by the municipality for the writing of said records, to contract a marriage, on one part Christian Jantzi age 25, resident at Brandelfing, municipality of Gros-Rederchin, District of Biebe, Department of Moselle, son of Michel Jantzi age 66 years and the deceased Barbe Guerber of one part; and Anne Farny age 23 years daughter of the deceased Christian Farny and of Anne Hirchi age 46 years residing with her mother at Bellegrade municipality of Bistroff, which future husband and wife were accompanied by Citizen Laurent Müller age 36 years, Registrar of the Parish of Bistroff and resident, of Jean Klein shoemaker age 35, resident at Bistroff, of Citizen Jean Michel Klein age 67 years Mayor of the Parish of Bistroff, and of Nicolas Auer laborer age 26 years, resident at Guesling, Department of Moselle; myself Paul Louis Maillet after having read in the presence of the parties and said witnesses, 1st the record of birth of Christian Jantzi dated yesterday which certifies that said Christian Jantzi was born 18th October 1766 of the lawful marriage between Michel Jantzi and Barbe Guerber. 2nd the record of birth of Anne Farny also dated yesterday which proves that the said Anne Farny was born the 16th August 1771 of the lawful marriage between Christian Farny and Anne Hirchi. 3rd the record of the publication of the pledge of marriage between the future husband and wife drawn up by me -- Paul Louis Maillet the 19th of the present month Ventos, first decade and the same day affixed to the main door of the house without objection. 4th of the certificate of publication of marriage and the affixing of the same on the main door of the house of the Parish of Gros-Rederchin, District of Biebe made by the public registrar of said Parish, and also after Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny had declared verbally to take each other mutually as husband and wife, I pronounced in the name of the law that Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny were united in marriage, and I drew up this record which the witnesses and Christian Jantzi signed with me, the wife having declared her inability to sign. Made and finished in my residence the said day, month and year.

Signatures (photocopies):

\*Napoleon had also instituted a new calendar at the establishment of his Republic. Its use was short-lived.

## THE JANTZI FAMILY IN FRANCE

Christian Jantzi was raised on the Brandelfingerhof (see map on page 5) and Anne Farny was living with her widowed mother on the farm called Bellegrade. Since their children were married at Bellegrade, Christian and Anne must have remained here after their marriage. A list preserved in Michael Jantzi's family Bible gives us the names and years of birth of Christian's and Anne's children. We have found birth records for

for most of these in the French archives. There are a few small discrepancies between this list and the French records. The most serious one is that the Bible record calls one daughter Susanna, and the French record called her Catherine. There is no further record of her; so she probably did not survive childhood. A detailed list of the Christian Jantzi family is found on pages 6 and 7.

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## THE FARNY FAMILY

The marriage record of Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny also gives us the names of Anne's parents -- Christian, deceased, and Anne Hirchi, age 46. We do not have a complete list of the Farny family, but the marriage records at Bistroff include two sisters -- Barbe married to Joseph Staker in 1802 and Susanne married to Christian Springer in 1809.

A Joseph Farni and his family appear on the 1834 ship list along with various members of the Jantzi family. It is possible he was a nephew of Anne (Farny) Jantzi. Joseph's wife was Catherine Gerber.

It is also believed that John Ulrich's wife may have been a Farny, but we have no documentation for that. The Ulrich story is found on pages 371 - 373.

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## THE BOSHART FAMILY

The Bosharts, like the Jantzis, were also most certainly Swiss Anabaptist refugees. The earliest known ancestor was John Boshart who died October 31, 1794 at Wittenheim (according to one record) or at Schönensteinbach (according to another). It may be that the Schönensteinbach deaths are recorded at Wittenheim. These places are found a short distance north of Mulhouse. John's wife was Anna Maria Müller.

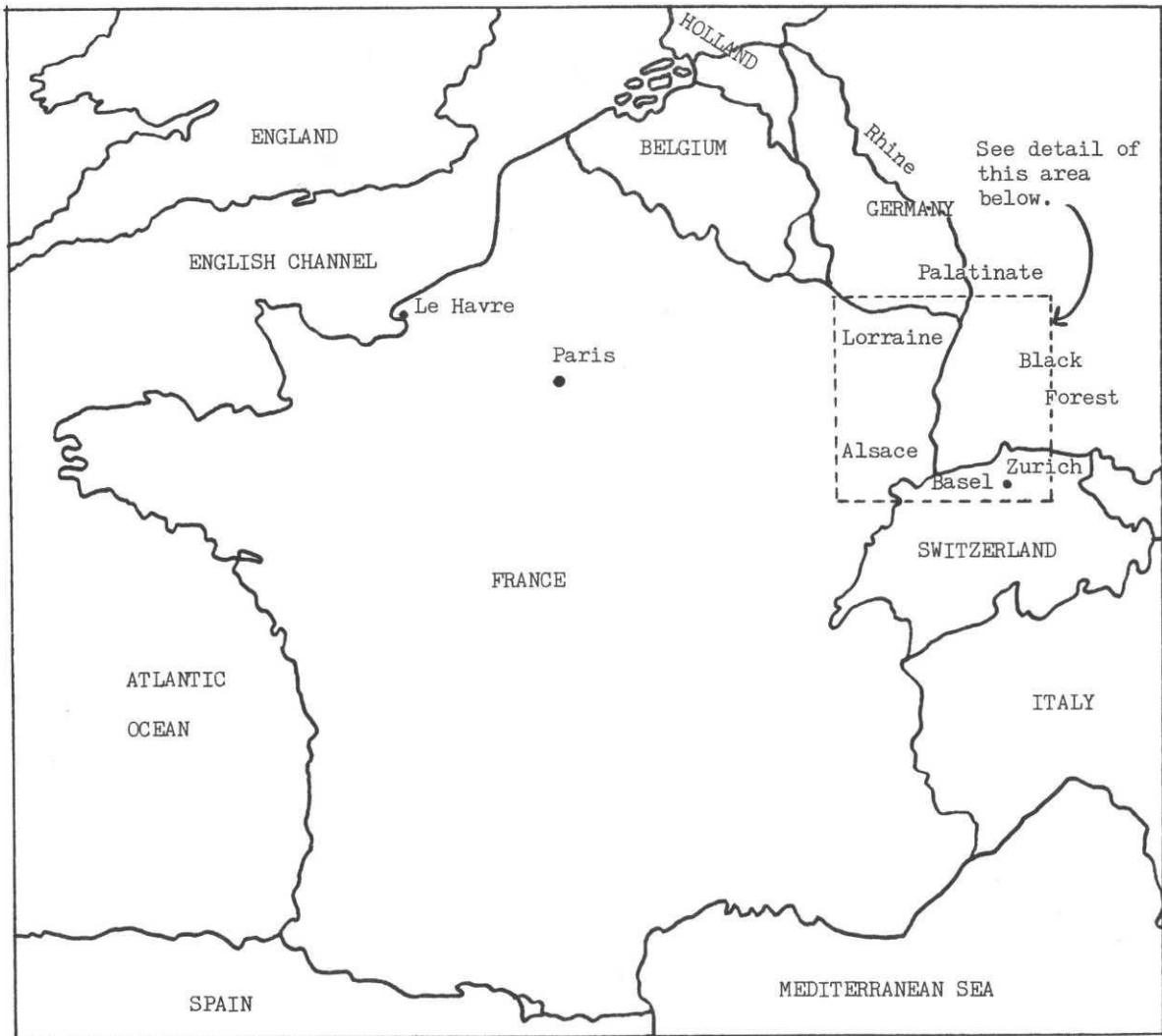
The Boshart family list (page 8) gives the known children of John and Anna Maria and whatever other information their birth, marriage or death records provide. It was the marriage records of Christian (born 1786), John (born 1788) and Joseph (born 1790) which made it possible for us to establish the relationship of all the Boshart families in Ontario, Canada. See the map on page 5 for the location of the places mentioned.

The first Bosharts to come to Canada were Christian and Catherine, their three daughters and one son. At least one son and daughter died in infancy in France. Another son was born in Canada. According to family tradition Barbara was four years old when they came. This would place the year of migration at 1826.

Christian and Catherine settled on Lot 9 North Erb's Road in the German Block. By 1830 they had cleared the roadway in front of their 200-acre lot, had cleared a specified number of acres and had built a log cabin of sufficient size to be recommended for a free grant of 50 acres at the front of their lot. Christian received the Crown Patent in 1835. Since Catherine was nine years old when they arrived, she was initiated early into the life of a pioneer. This prepared her for the life which lay ahead of her.

In 1834 the widow Marie (Eicker) Boshart arrived with her family of five children. They were taken into Uncle Christian Boshart's home, and from here the children first found employment in the various settlers' homes until they married and established homes of their own.

The Joseph Boshart family arrived in Canada in the late 1830s and eventually made their home in Wellesley Township just north of the Wilmot Township line.



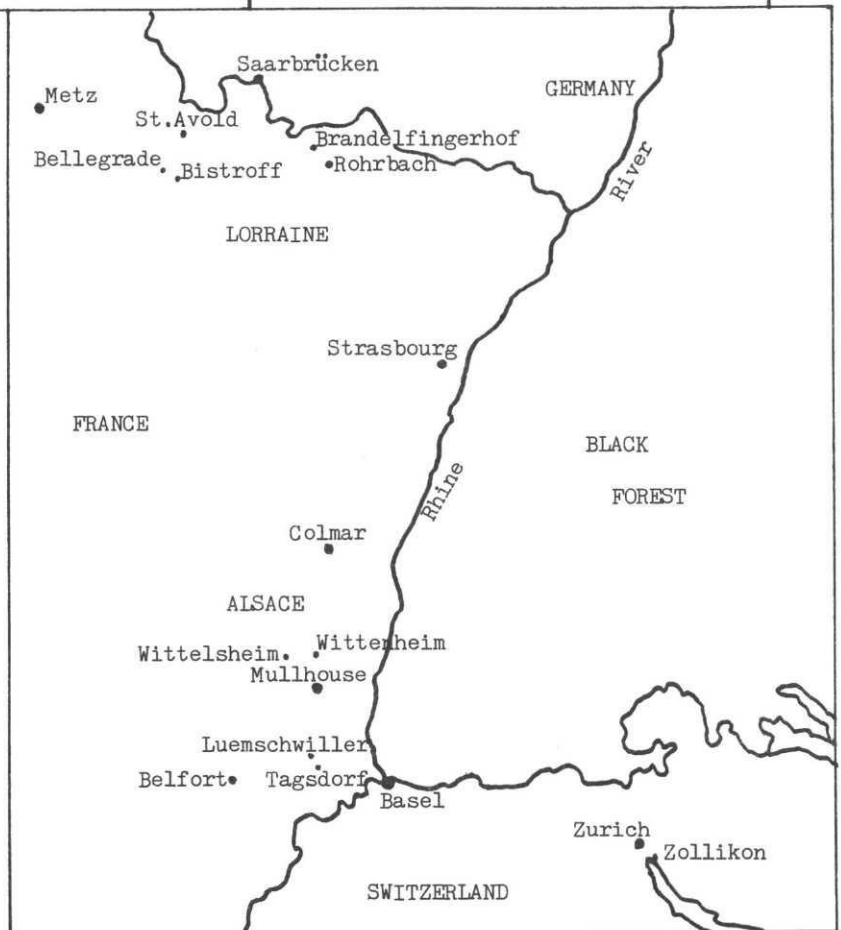
Le Havre - port of departure for Jantzi family in 1833 and 1834

Bellegrade - farm residence of Farny family and Christian Jantzi family

Brandelfingerhof - birthplace of Christian Jantzi

Luenschwiller and Tagsdorf - Boshart family residence

Zollikon - residence of earliest, known Boshart Anabaptist



THE CHRISTIAN JANTZI FAMILY

Anna Jantzi  
 b. Apr 1795  
 d. Jan 18, 1886  
 m.  
 Michael Zehr  
 b. Sep 29, 1789  
 d. Feb 27, 1880

Michael J. Zehr (1812-1899) m. Barbara Boshart  
 Christian Zehr (1815-1899) m. Anna Beller  
 Anna Zehr (1819-1909) m. John Farney  
 John Zehr (1821-1906) m. Catherine Keiffer  
 Joseph Zehr (1823-1899) m. Lena Keifer  
 Barbara Zehr (1828-1910) m. Joseph Farney  
 Catherine Zehr (1830-1904) m. Jacob Virkler  
 Andrew Zehr (1834-1905) m. Mary Martin  
 Jacob Zehr (1838-1899) m. Lena Moser  
 Henry Zehr and Infant Daughter b. and d. in France

Barbara Jantzi  
 b. May 9, 1797\*  
 d.  
 m. Apr 9, 1816\*  
 Peter Spenler  
 b.  
 d.

— We have no record of this family.

Maria Jantzi  
 b. Mar 1799  
 d.  
 m. May 14, 1817\*  
 Christian Nafziger  
 b.  
 d.

Magdalena Nafziger m. John Gerber  
 Catherine Nafziger m. John Yousey (Jausi)  
 Mary Nafziger m. Joseph Moser  
 Jane Nafziger m. John Yousey  
 John Nafziger m. Barbara Martin  
 Susan Nafziger m. Peter Farney II  
 rm. Andrew Steiner, Sr.  
 Anna Nafziger m. John Widrick  
 Joseph Nafziger m. Barbara Hirschy  
 Christian Nafziger m. Catherine Yousie

(Note: This list is very tentative. It may include errors and omissions, and may not even belong into this family.)

Catherine Jantzi  
 b. Jan 15, 1801\*  
 d. in France

Christian Jantzi  
 b. Oct 18, 1766\*  
 d. Nov 15, 1828\*  
 m. Mar 2, 1794\*  
 Anne Farny  
 b. Aug 15, 1771\*  
 d. Dec 26, 1816\*

Magdalena Jantzi  
 b. Mar 1802  
 d. Feb 28, 1881  
 m. Jun 12, 1823\*  
 Christian Kennel  
 b. 1799  
 d. May 12, 1876

Magdalena (1820-1893) m. Gorden Turner (Tanner)  
 Barbara Kennel (1824-1900) m. Leonhard Streicher  
 Catherine Kennel (1825-1903) m. Joseph Leis  
 Christian E. Kennel (1827-1908) m. Magdalena Albrecht  
 Magdalena Kennel (1829-?) on ship list only  
 John Kennel (1830-1910) m. Magdalena Schweitzer  
 Susanna Kennel (1833-1900) m. Christian Ernst  
 Michael Kennel (1834-1898) m. Maria Lichti  
 Anna Kennel (1837-1910) m. Jacob Albrecht  
 rm. Jacob Christner  
 Maria Kennel (1839-1906) m. John Lichti  
 rm. George Schultz  
 Joseph Kennel (1842-1913) m. Catherine Schrag  
 Veronica Kennel (1845-1914) m. Christian Schrag  
 rm. George Schultz  
 Daniel Kennel (1847-1912) m. Barbara Brunk rm.  
 Christian Streicher

(for Christian's second marriage, see next page)

Christian Jantzi  
 b. Oct 8, 1804\*  
 d. in France

John Jantzi  
 b. Mar 24, 1806\*  
 d. Dec 12, 1881  
 m.  
 Elizabeth Gerber  
 b. 1806  
 d. Jun 25, 1890

Magdalena Jantzi (1833-1904) m. John L. Kuepfer  
 Joseph G. Jantzi (1835-1918) m. Catherine  
 Schwartzentruber  
 Christian G. Jantzi (1837-1901) m. Veronica  
 Brenneman  
 Katherine Jantzi (1838-1923) m. Christian L. Kuepfer  
 Michael G. Jantzi (1839-1875) m. Lydia Brenneman  
 John G. Jantzi (1841-1926) m. Katherine Brenneman  
 Peter G. Jantzi (1842-1917) m. Magdalena Boshart  
 Barbara Jantzi (1844-1916) m. John Boshart  
 Jacob G. Jantzi (1848-1878) m. Veronica Boshart  
 Anna Jantzi (1853-1925) m. Michael Streicher

Catherine Jantzi  
 b. Mar 3, 1808\*  
 d.

— The Michael Jantzi family records called her Susanna.

\*These dates are found in the French records.

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Christian Jantzi family continued

<p>Michael Jantzi          b. Apr 10, 1810*          d. Mar 29, 1903          m. Aug 31, 1834          Maria Boshart          b. Oct 9, 1815          d. Apr 1, 1853</p>	<p>Christian Jantzi (1835-1911) m. Anna Lichti          John Jantzi (1838-1899) m. Veronica Lichti          Michael Jantzi (1840-1917) m. Magdalena Kuepfer          Joseph B. S. Jantzi (1842-1925) m. Magdalena Boshart          Peter Jantzi (1844-1916) m. Magdalena Leis          Catherine Jantzi (1847-1936) m. John Litwiller          Daniel Jantzi (1849-1932) m. Barbara Reschly          rm. Magdalena Oesch          Rudolph Jantzi (1852-1935) m. Christina Miller</p>
<p>Michael Jantzi          rm. Jul 14, 1853          Katherine Schweitzer          b. Oct 15, 1829          d. Jun 22, 1918</p>	<p>David Jantzi (1854-1929) m. Catherine Gascho          Solomon Jantzi (1856-1859)          Maria Jantzi (1858-1924) m. Jacob Boshart          Anna Jantzi (1860-1937) m. Jacob Gascho          Elizabeth Jantzi (1863-1942) m. John Jutzi          Jacob Jantzi (1865-1938) m. Elizabeth Kuepfer          Menno Jantzi (1867-1884)          Moses Jantzi (1869-1950) m. Rachel Gerber</p>
<p><u>Joseph Jantzi</u>          b. Dec 14, 1812*          d. Jan 18, 1847          m. May 1835  <u>Catherine Boshart</u>          b. Dec 22, 1817*          d. Dec 3, 1894</p>	<p>Catherine Jantzi (1836-1923) m. Joseph B. Lichti          Barbara Jantzi (1838-1915) m. Jacob Schweitzer          Maria Jantzi (1839-1922) m. Nicholas Ulrich          Christian B. Jantzi (1841-1926) m. Magdalena Ulrich          John B. Jantzi (1842-1865)          Joseph B. Jantzi (1844-1881) m. Elizabeth Boshart          rm. Catherine Jausi          Peter Jantzi (1846-1847)</p>
<p><u>Catherine B. Jantzi</u>          rm. ca.1850  <u>Christian Riser</u>          b. Nov 1819          d. Mar 16, 1897</p>	<p>Peter Riser (1850-1851)          Magdalena Riser (1852-1930) m. Christian Brunk          Leah Riser (1854-1862)          Annie Riser (1855-1937) m. Joseph Brunk          David Riser (1858-1936) m. Veronica Ernst</p>
<p>Catherine Jantzi          b. Mar 26, 1818*          d. May 10, 1877</p>	<p>— Death is recorded in family records</p>
<p>Christian Jantzi          b. Mar 16, 1820          d.</p>	<p>— Christian came to America in 1834.          He may have gone west.</p>
<p>Christian Jantzi          (for first marriage          see previous page)          rm. Jun 21, 1817*          Catherine Spenler          b.          d. Sep 12, 1861</p>	<p>Peter Yancey**          b. Sep 10, 1822*          d. Mar 20, 1904          m.          Magdalena Zehr          b. Sep 10, 1824          d. May 12, 1903</p>
<p>Nicholas Yancey**          b. Apr 11, 1824*          d.          m.          Anna Bach</p>	<p>Elizabeth Yancey (1847-1936) m. Christian Martin          Joseph Yancey (1850-1939)          Peter Yancey (1852-1930) m. Martha Farney rm.  <u>Mary Yancey</u> (1854-1941) m. <u>John Ulrich</u>          Christian Yancey (1856-1881)          Michael Yancey (1858-1935) m. Mary Ann Basch          Daniel Yancey (1860-1940) m. Lena Rehn          Magdalena Yancey (1862-1933) m. Joseph Yoder          Andrew Yancey (1864-1950) m. Barbara Lyndaker          John Yancey (1866-1949) m. Elizabeth Lyndaker          Benjamin Yancey (1869-1948)          Anna Yancey (adopted) (1876-ca.1886)</p>
<p>Elizabeth Jantzi          b. June 4, 1826*          d. in France</p>	<p>— No children</p>
<p>Freni Jantzi          b. May 15, 1828*          d.</p>	<p>— Freni came to America in 1834.          We have no further record.</p>

\* In French records

\*\* Peter and Nicholas spelled their name Yancey. They and Michael and Anna Zehr lived in Lewis County, New York.

With three Catherines and two Christians in the above list, we assume that two Catherines and one Christian died in infancy although we did not find death records.

THE BOSHART FAMILY

Catherine Boshart  
 b. ca.1784  
 d. Nov 2, 1824\* — no record of family  
 Luemschwiller  
 m.  
 Christ Joter (Yoder)

Christian Boshart  
 b. 1786 at Tagsdorf  
 d. Nov 20, 1850  
 Wilmot, Ontario  
 m. June 24, 1813\*  
 Tagsdorf

Catherine Litwiller  
 b. Apr 10, 1786  
 Staffelfelden  
 d. Apr 11, 1873  
 Wilmot, Ontario  
 dau. of Jacob Litwiller  
 and Maria Müree

John Boshart (1814) died in infancy in France  
 Maria Boshart (1815-1853) born in Tagsdorf  
 m. 1834 to Michael Jantzi (1810\*-1903) born at Bellegrade  
 Catherine Boshart (1817\*-1894) born in Tagsdorf \*\*  
 m. May 1835 to Joseph Jantzi (1812\*-1847) born at Bellegrade  
 m. ca.1850 to Christian Riser (1819-1897)  
 Veronica Boshart (1820\*) born in Seppois-le-Haut  
 (died in infancy in France)  
 Barbara Boshart (1822\*-1904) born in Seppois-le-Haut  
 m. 1840 to Michael Zehr (1812-1899)  
 Christian Boshart (1824\*- ) born in Seppois-le-Haut  
 Joseph Boshart (1830- )  
 m. 1862 to Catherine Kaufman (1810- )

John Boshart  
 b. Feb 25, 1788  
 Wittelsheim  
 d. before 1834  
 in France  
 m. Jan 8, 1818\*  
 Luemschwiller  
 Marie Eicker  
 b. Sep 10, 1788  
 near Belfort  
 d. before 1850  
 Ontario, Canada  
 dau. of John Eicker  
 and Anna Hostetler

Christian E. Boshart (1818\*-1892) born in Luemschwiller  
 m. 1844 to Catherine Buerge (1826-1920) sister to Magdalena  
 Joseph E. Boshart (1821\*-1895) born in Luemschwiller  
 m. to Mary Roth (1827-1876) born on Atlantic Ocean  
 Peter E. Boshart (1823\*-1896) born in Luemschwiller  
 m. 1845 to Catherine Erb (1823-1906)  
 Catherine Boshart (1825\*-1907) born in Luemschwiller  
 m. 1844 to John Roth (1823-1893) brother to Mary Roth  
 Benedict E. Boshart ( - ) born in France  
 (died in California Gold Rush)

Joseph Boshart  
 b. 1790  
 d. Nov 9, 1866  
 Wellesley, Ont.  
 m. Feb 6, 1823\*  
 Catherine Conrad  
 b. 1798  
 Belfort  
 d. Oct 3, 1869  
 Wellesley, Ont.  
 dau. of Krae(?) Conrad  
 and Elisabeth  
 Schlegel

Maria Boshart (1824\*) born and died in Luemschwiller  
 Christian Boshart (1825\*- ) born in Luemschwiller  
 (have no further record)  
 Joseph Boshart (1826\*) born and died in Luemschwiller  
 Catherine Boshart (1827\*-1829\*) born and died in Luemschwiller  
 Peter Boshart (1829\*- ) born in Luemschwiller  
 m. to Magdalena Buerge (1827- ) sister to Catherine above  
 Catherine Boshart (1831\*) born and died in Luemschwiller  
 Barbara Boshart (1833-1910)  
 m. July 1, 1855 to Jacob Schmidt (1835-1925)  
 Catherine Boshart (1835-1891)  
 m. Feb 17, 1861 to Christian Schartzentruber (1837-1874)  
 Mary Boshart (1838-1917) born in France  
 (unmarried)  
 Magdalena Boshart (1841-1924)  
 m. Mar 8, 1876 to John N. Oesch (1849-1916)

\*\* This genealogy covers the descendants of Catherine Boshart only. It does include both marriages.

\*These dates are found in the French records.

These records were searched by Brian Roth from Stratford, Ontario, Canada. He was studying in Strasbourg, France at the time we were researching the Boshart family.

In the summer of 1821 an Amishman by the name of Christian Nafziger set out from his home in Bavaria. In Amsterdam he received help to take a ship to America. He landed at New Orleans and made his way to Pennsylvania. The Amish or Mennonites who had settled there in the 18th century advised him to seek land in Canada. Some Pennsylvania Mennonites had begun to move into Canada in the late 1700s.

In August of 1822 Christian found himself in Waterloo County. The Mennonites there suggested he look at the Crown Lands west of their settlement and contact the governor of Upper Canada about its availability. Governor Maitland promised Nafziger that the land would be available for himself and others of his faith. For clearing a roadway and some acreage and building a cabin, they would be given 50 acres free, and the remainder of the 200-acre lots could be bought at a reasonable price whenever the settlers so desired.

No sooner had Christian returned to Europe when many Amish began to pack their trunks and make their way to the harbors of France, Holland and Germany. From Philadelphia, Baltimore or New York they made their way to Canada via Pennsylvania. Among those who came in the 1820s were Bosharts, Gingerichs, Litwillers, Roths, Kropfs, Oesches, Lichtis and Nafzigers.

The settlers found the land surveyed along three proposed roadways. These ran in a westerly direction from the Waterloo Mennonite settlements. The settlers called them "Oberstrasse," "Mittelstrasse" and "Unterstrasse" (Upper Street, Middle Street and Lower Street). Officially they were called Erb's Road, Snyder's Road and Bleam's Road. This section was called the German Block. The section south of the German Block was designated Block A and the northern one Block B. The whole area became Wilmot Township, part of Waterloo County.<sup>1</sup>

In 1830 Samuel Street Wilmot was commissioned to make a report on the condition of the settlement. He listed all the settlers laying claim to the lots along the three roads, indicated which ones had cleared the roadway and the required ten acres and had built a cabin. These were to be recommended to receive their Patents to their 50 acres. Christian Boshart was one of the settlers who qualified. The Jantzis and Ulrichs and Christian Riser had not yet arrived in the settlement.

The township was not settled exclusively by the Amish. There were Mennonites who had been coming from Pennsylvania since the turn of the century. There were Catholics from the same neighborhoods in Alsace-Lorraine. These settlers came with

their various German dialects, but it seems that the Pennsylvania Dutch (with its roots in the Palatinate) predominated. Those coming from areas in Alsace-Lorraine where French had become dominant were also familiar with that language. Unfortunately this element was soon lost. But then, how could one expect a people who were barely literate to learn and keep up three languages, because in Canada English also had to be reckoned with.

The Amish Mennonites thrived on the new soil. Determination and hard work went a long way. Accident and disease took their toll, but that was an accepted part of life whether in the Old Country or in the new. In time, each farmer was able to build a substantial barn, house and other necessary buildings and purchase his farm and perhaps one for each of his sons.

In Wilmot there was a gathering for worship every Sunday -- alternating between homes in the upper and lower districts. In winter the service was held in the house. Furniture was cleared out of the first floor rooms if necessary, to set up the backless benches taken from meeting place to meeting place. In the summer time the barn floor was swept and the benches set up there. At noon the hostess served a simple meal, setting the tables as many times as necessary to seat the men, women and children (in that order). Bean soup was a typical menu.

The service began as early as 9 o'clock. In the early days people often walked several miles from one end of the settlement or the other or even between settlements to attend services. It was, of course, conducted in German. Singing was from the Ausbund, a very early hymnal featuring poems written by the martyrs. One minister gave an opening discourse, another read the scripture and had prayer, and a third one preached the main sermon. The congregation knelt for prayers, some of which were silent, others read or repeated from a prayer book. Each service was likely to last four hours with the twice-yearly Communion Service lasting even longer.

Canada was not the only place beckoning the European Amish, Mennonites, or others. A French Count, James LeRoy de (King of) Chaumont, who was connected with the Castorland Company (castor is the French word for beaver), purchased a large tract of land in Lewis County, New York. He hired an agent John Keiffer (who may have been a Mennonite) to find settlers for this land.<sup>2</sup> The Amish and Mennonites were a fertile field for recruitment.

On the eve of the migration of the Jantzis, Canada's Amish Mennonites had almost completed the first ten years of their history. In Lewis County, New York, the Jantzis would be part of those who blazed the trail.

<sup>1</sup>See map on page 15.

<sup>2</sup>For much of the information on the New York settlement we are indebted to The Farney - Virkler - Zehr Families compiled by Laura E. Virkler and Julius Farney, Watertown, N.Y. as well as to Arlene Yousey, local Mennonite historian.

For Further Reading: 150 Years, Sesquicentennial of the Amish Mennonites of Ontario by Dorothy Sauder and Lorraine Roth. 1972

The Amish of Canada by Orland Gingerich. Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press. 1978.

At four o'clock in the morning on the 14th day of December, 1812, Annie (Fanny) Jantzi<sup>1</sup> gave birth to her tenth child, the fourth son. Sons one, two and three had been named Christian, John and Michael, the names of the immediate male ancestors; so a new name would have to be found. As Christian went about milking the cows and feeding the animals that morning, a name for his son must have been on his mind. After completing his morning chores and discussing the name with Annie

and the children, Christian set out for Bistroff. As he neared the village, he stopped at Nicolas Klein's house to ask him to serve as witness. The two men proceeded to the clerk's house. François Boukenheim joined Christian and Nicolas as they made their way to Mayor Hoeffler's house. After the proper greetings, Christian announced the birth of his son that morning and that they had decided to call him Joseph. Mayor Hoeffler got out the large record book and began to write:

*Naissance  
de Joseph  
Jantzi -*

In the margin he wrote, "The birth of Josephe Jantzi,"

then the date and time of day followed by his own name, title and location -- "Paris of Bistroff, Department of Mosselle, Canton of Grostenquin." Then came Christian's name, residence, age (52), the time of the child's birth, Christian's wife's name, the name to be given the child and the names of the witnesses.

Then Hoeffler read what he had written and all parties signed their names. Notice that Christian's signature is made with the German gothic letters.

*Christian Jantzi*  
*Hoeffler* *Boukenheim*

One wonders whether Christian really understood the French or whether he had to rely on the help of his witnesses. Having once more complied with French law, Christian returned to Bellegrade, and life continued as usual.

Joseph's very early childhood was probably secure in the love of parents, a host of older sisters and brothers and his aged, paternal grandfather, Michael Jantzi. Life was not comfortable by modern standards, but Christian worked hard and was able to provide enough food and shelter for his family. Although there was a degree of tolerance for the Anabaptists, they never knew from which quarter would come the next excuse for harassment. A strong faith in the goodness of God and his ultimate triumph, however, carried them relatively unruffled through these difficulties. Joseph was not aware of the harshness of the world into which he was born. His first experience was that of love and acceptance.

Medical services, as we know them today, were non-existent in 1812. Communicable diseases took many children and adults as well. Three of the Jantzi children must have died either before Joseph's birth or during his early childhood. How much these affected him we do not know, but the death of his mother (age 50) the day after Christmas and soon after Joseph had turned four,

must have been a serious loss to this young boy. His older sisters, Maria and Magdalena (13 and 10 respectively) were a little young for the household responsibilities. Anna and Barbara were already married, but perhaps they were living at home or close by.

Six months after Annie's death, Christian married Catherine Spenler. How Joseph fared with his step-mother we do not know, but we believe she got along well with her new family. Six children were born to Christian and Catherine; so Joseph found himself in the middle of a family of 16 children (probably only 12 survived). One lesson these children must have learned well was that of sharing.

One also wonders what kind of experiences Joseph had with his grandfather. When Joseph was about six, Grandfather Michael celebrated his 100th birthday. Was he a healthy, alert person or a senile invalid? Perhaps one can conclude he was in fairly good health. Without modern medication, an invalid would probably not live to be 100. When Joseph was nine, Grandfather died at the age of 103. (See death record, page 3.)

Joseph's father, Christian, however, was not to reach such an advanced age. Four years after going to Bistroff to have his father's death

<sup>1</sup>This birth record is the only one in which Anne's name is written "Any." No doubt, her family and friends called her "Annie." The authorities were usually very careful to use the French spellings.

recorded, his own was registered by his son-in-law, Michael Zehr. Christian was only 62. His youngest child was six months old. Joseph was not quite 16.

The Jantzi boys now found themselves at the head of a family with a widowed step-mother and several young children. Even young Joseph was being rudely jolted from his childhood into taking responsibility for himself.

With the death of Napoleon in 1821, there may have been a period of relief from military service. However, the stirrings among the Amish concerning migration to America also reached Bellegrade. Had Christian been thinking of going to America when death cut short his plans, or was he against the idea, and after his death the family was free to make plans to migrate?

THE JANTZI FAMILY COMES TO AMERICA

In 1829, Joseph's brother, Michael, went to the mayor's house and asked for a certificate of his birth and the death certificates of his parents.<sup>1</sup> Did other members of the family also request these documents and only Michael's have been preserved, or was he the only one to have them? A copy of Christian's death certificate appears on the next page. It translates as follows:

"Certificate from the Register of Vital Statistics of the Parish of Bistroff, District of Grostenquin, 4th district of the Department of Moselle, deposited in the records of the Parish."

"The year one thousand eight hundred twenty-eight, the seventeenth of November at six o'clock in the morning. Before us, Joseph Hubbert, mayor registrar of the Parish of Bistroff, District of Grostenquin, Department of Moselle, appeared Michel Serre (Michael Zehr), age thirty-six years, farmer, son-in-law of the deceased and Thomas Mentzissue, age seventy years, day-laborer, not a relative of the deceased, both residents of Bistroff who have declared to us that the 15th of the present month at eleven o'clock in the afternoon Christian Jansy, age sixty-two years, farmer on the farm named Bellgratte, dependency of our Parish died on the said farm and the informers signed with us the present certificate after it was read to them."

"Signed: 'Michel Zehr, Thomas Mentzissue and Hubert, Mayor.'"

"Certified true copy, delivered at Bistroff, the twenty-fourth of June 1829.

Registrar  
(signed) Hubert"

In the margin: "Christian Jansy died the 15 November 1828 at Bellgratte"

At the bottom of the certificate (not appearing on the opposite page) the President of the Law Court at Sarreguemines certified the signature of Mayor Hubbert on July 2, 1829.

When did Michael and Joseph come to America? Did they come in 1829, or were these certificates obtained in anticipation of migrating sometime later? In a speech to a reunion of the Michael Jantzi family, Ralph Jantzi gave the

date of Michael's arrival as June, 1833. Did he conclude that Michael came with his sister Anna and brother-in-law, Michael Zehr?

We do know that Anna and Michael Zehr and Magdalena and Christian Kennel sailed on the Barque Statera from LeHavre, arriving in New York on June 19, 1833. They were listed as follows:

"Zehr, Michael, age 44, male, miller, French
" Anna " 40 female
" Michael " 19 male
" Christian " 16 "
" Anna " 14 female
" Georges " 12 male
" Jean* " 10 "
" Joseph " 8 "
" Barbe " 6 female
" Catharine " 4 "
" Suzanne " 1 "

Kenel, Christoph,* age 33, male, farmer, French
" Madaline* " 32 female
" Barbe " 9 "
" Catharine " 7 "
" Christoph* " 5 male
" Madaline* " 4 female
" Suzanne " 3 "
" Nicholas " 24 male
" Jean* " 1 " "

The ship's list contains a total of 112 names, but Michael and Joseph are not among them. The Zehr and Kennel families each contain some names we cannot account for. The Zehr family includes George, age 12, and Suzanne, age one. Were they orphan children which the Zehrs brought with them? The Kennel family list contains Madaline, age four and Nicholas, age 24. Were the names of these children Zehr and Kennel, or did they have other names, and the person who made the list did not bother to record them? The ship list presents one more problem. The destination of these two families was "Ohio." Were they planning to go to Ohio and changed their minds en route, or did they or the person recording the information not know the difference between Ohio and upper New York? "Ohio" may have been used to designate the frontier, wherever that was.

The Zehrs and Kennels were among the first settlers to follow Keiffer to Lewis County. It is  
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<sup>1</sup>These had been preserved by the Michael Jantzi family and are now in the Archives of the Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana.

\*Many of the names here appear in their French form -- Jean is John, Christoph is Christian, Madaline is Magdalena, Pierre is Peter.

# Extrait des Registres de l'Etat

Civil de la Commune de Bistrotz, Canton de Grastenguin  
1<sup>er</sup> Arrondissement du Département de la Moselle, Déposé  
aux Archives de la Commune.



" L'AN mil huit cent vingt huit le dix sept  
 " Novembre à dix heures de matin. Pardevant nous  
 " Joseph Hubbert, Maire officier de l'Etat Civil de la  
 " Commune de Bistrotz, Canton de Grastenguin  
 " Département de la Moselle, sont comparus Michel  
 " Serre, âgé de trente six ans, Cultivateur, gendre  
 " de feu et Thomas Montzié, âgé de cinquante et  
 " dix ans, journalier, non parent du défunt, tous deux  
 " Domiciliés à Bistrotz lesquels nous ont déclaré que  
 " quinze du présent mois à onze heures après midi  
 " Christian Gandy, âgé de cinquante deux ans, fermier  
 " à la ferme nommée Mellgratic, dépendante de notre  
 " Commune est décédé en ladite ferme et ont été déclaré  
 " signés au nous le présent acte après qu'il leur en a été  
 " fait lecture.

Signés Michel Serre, Thomas Montzié  
et Hubbert, Maire

Pour Copie Conforme, Délivré  
à Bistrotz le vingt quatre Juin 1829.



L'Officier de l'Etat Civil  
Joseph Hubbert

Christian Gandy  
died the 15 November 1828 at Mellgratic

said they were sold the poorest, rockiest land. Michael Zehr settled at the northerly edge of present-day Croghan. It is believed they lived in an abandoned Indian shack until they built their log house some distance from the road. A burial ground was started on a knoll behind the house. This spot is now in the middle of a field and is fenced in. There were about 39 graves, but only a few tombstones have survived. One wonders whether the Amish settlers were aware that Joseph Bonapart, brother of Napoleon, had a 150,000-acre estate, including Lake Bonaparte, not far north of their settlement. It is said that Bonaparte lived incognito, but with a great deal of pomp, on an estate in New Jersey and had a hunting lodge in New York.

The following spring the second contingent of Jantzis was ready to leave Bellegrade. The rest of the family (except Michael and Joseph) left LeHavre on the Ship Groton and arrived in New York on June 4, 1834. This list is as follows:

"Anne Jansey,	age 22,	F	
John Jansey	" 28	M	Farmer
Elisa "	28	F	
Magdaline "	1	F	
John Guerber	24	M	
Magdaline "	62	F	
Catherine Jansey	50	F	
John "	19	M	
Joseph "	17	M	
Catherine "	16	F	
Christian "	14	M	
Pierre "	12	M	
Nicolas "	10	M	
Ferena "	6	F	"

Other passengers on the Groton, who were probably Amish and also related to the Jantzis, were the Joseph Farni and Simon Herschy families. This Jantzi list also leaves us with some problems. When we first saw Joseph, age 17, listed under Catherine, we assumed it was the Joseph of our story, but who was John listed immediately above him? In June, 1834, Joseph should have been 21 years of age and Michael 24. Were the John and Joseph listed here Jantzi cousins, or were they Catherine's sons by a previous marriage, and did they have other surnames? We do not know who 22-year-old Anne Jansey was, but she may have been a cousin. John Jansey, age 28, was obviously Joseph's older brother who was married to Elizabeth Gerber. John Gerber,<sup>1</sup> then, must have been Elizabeth's brother, and Magdaline, age 62, their mother. Catherine Jansey, age 50, was the step-mother of the older Jantzi children and the mother of the younger ones -- Catherine down to Ferena (Freni or Veronica), and perhaps also of John and Joseph, ages 19 and 17.

Exactly when Joseph and Michael arrived in America is a mystery. Obviously, they did not come on the same ships as the rest of the family. Since they were eligible for military service, they may not have been able to get permits to leave the country, and may have slipped out under cover, arriving in America by a different route than the rest of the family. They may have come together or separately.

<sup>1</sup>John Gerber married Magdalena Nafziger in New York. York. Was she a daughter of Maria Jantzi and Christian Nafziger?

A number of parcels of land in Lewis County were registered in Catherine Jantzi's name. This was probably the widowed mother of the Jantzi clan. It is believed that Maria Jantzi and her husband Christian Nafziger also came to Lewis County, although we have no record of their arrival. Michael and Anna (Jantzi) Zehr remained in New York, and Michael became a minister and bishop in the Amish Mennonite congregation. Peter and Nicholas Yancey also made their home in northern New York. Catherine, who appeared as 16 years of age on the 1834 ship list probably died unmarried in 1877.<sup>2</sup> We have no further record of Christian (age 14 in 1834) and Freni (age 6 in 1834) although a Yancey descendant thinks Christian may have gone to Wisconsin.

Joseph and Michael were looking for land, but even more crucial for them was the need to find suitable wives. There was little prospect of finding marriageable young women among their families who had migrated to upper New York. No doubt, they knew about the settlement in Canada and soon found their way to the German Block. They may have found work with Christian Boshart who needed masculine help, because his own sons were still very young. At any rate, the Jantzi brothers found the Boshart sisters. In August of 1834, Michael married Maria, and the following May, Joseph married Catherine. They must have spoken well of their wives, for five years later their nephew, Michael Zehr, came and married Maria and Catherine's younger sister, Barbara.

Michael and Maria remained on the Boshart farm. Maria's brother, Christian, took up the trade of shoemaking and never married. Their brother Joseph married much later in life and had no children. At the time of this writing, this farm is owned by John Nafziger, a descendant of Michael.

It is quite likely that Catherine Jantzi, the widow, at some point came to Canada. In 1861, a Catherine Jantzi died at the age of 71 in Wellesley. The John Jantzi family has the story that one of the mothers, either Jantzi or Gerber, was blind by the time they decided to leave New York State. She was not very happy about the prospect of moving again and wondered why they couldn't stay where they were. They took her outdoors and with her cane showed her the large rocks. They wanted better farm land. She is to have exclaimed, "Oh, if I were only back in the Old Country again!"

There continued to be movement between the two settlements -- Waterloo County and Lewis County -- in spite of the more than 300 miles which separated them. Those who stayed prospered in spite of the rocks. Lumbering and related industries engaged the energies of some. Industry and hard work makes even the desert and rocks to bloom.

<sup>2</sup>Her death date was recorded by the Michael Jantzi family, but we do not know where she lived or where she died.

In May of 1835, Joseph and Catherine were married. We do not know where they lived immediately following their marriage. They may also have remained at the Christian Boshart farm. If so, this house must have been literally bursting at the seams, because Christian's sister-in-law and family had also come from Europe in 1834 and made their home there.

In the German Block the settlers were responsible for clearing the roadway in front of their own lots, and this task was far from complete in 1830. It is probably safe to assume that when Joseph and Catherine settled on Lot #9 (Concession I of Block B), the whole area was still in a state of wilderness. In the German Block the settlers purchased their property directly from the Crown, at least in the early years. Most of the lots in Block B, however, were purchased in the early 1830s by the Canada Land Company.<sup>1</sup> This company agreed to find settlers and open up the land by building roads. In 1839, however, the roads would have been little more than cleared paths, if indeed, they were even that.

In 1835, Joseph Cressman, a Mennonite settler from Waterloo, purchased the north half of Lot #9 from the Canada Company. It is not likely that Cressman lived on this property. Perhaps he bought it as an investment. Whether Joseph Jantzi had a purchase or rental agreement with Joseph Cressman is not known. It was not until September 13, 1845 that an Indenture of Bargain and Sale was drawn up between the executor of the deceased Joseph Cressman and Joseph Jantzi. Joseph paid 100 pounds for these 100 acres. This document bears Joseph Jantzi's signature and is here reproduced. In fact, this is the only place where Joseph's signature has thus far been found.



By 1839, Joseph and Catherine had a family of three daughters. What kind of buildings they had put up, we do not know, but we can guess they were no more than a log cabin for themselves and a shanty or two for the animals. These would have consisted of a cow or two, a few pigs and chickens, and perhaps a yoke of oxen.

About this time also, Joseph's brother John and brother-in-law Christian Kennel arrived from Lewis County, New York with their families. John Gerber, brother to John Jantzi's wife, and his family were also in the group. These families settled still farther north and west of the original Amish settlers. John Gerber and John Jantzi located on Concession III, Lots #13 and #14 respectively. Christian and Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel settled on an 80-acre wedge of land between the Jantzi and Gerber farms and the Wilmot-Wellesley boundary. John Gerber's wife was Magdalena Nafziger who may have been a cousin of the Jantzis. Tragedy struck in the Gerber family within a year or two of their arrival in

Canada. Magdalena died and left John with three small children.<sup>2</sup> Far from the more-developed Amish settlement, John buried Magdalena on the family farm.

In 1841, Joseph and Catherine finally had a son. Since both their fathers were named Christian, there was no doubt about what name to choose for their first son. Sons John and Joseph soon followed. The fourth son, Peter, arrived about the middle of July in 1847.

The next six months of Joseph's life are also a mystery. On October 13, 1846, he sold his farm (for 100 pounds) to Nicolaus Lichti, although they did not register the Bargain and Sale. Was Joseph ill and unable to continue farming? Did he have in mind moving into the "Queen's Bush?" This was the popular name for the Clergy Reserve just north of Wilmot. Although this area was not yet officially open for settlement, many people were moving in, hoping eventually to be able to get title to their claims.

The local newspaper (*Der Deutsche Canadier*) reported that Joseph Jantzi died in Wilmot on January 18, 1847. In February it reported seven-month-old Peter's death of "pox." (probably smallpox) Did Joseph also die of pox? Where was the family between October and January? Where were the widow and children in the years following Joseph's death? On March 16, 1847, Michael Jantzi registered the above-mentioned sale to Nicolaus Lichti. It was also recorded that the widow, Catherine Jantzi, had signed a Release of Dower for five shillings.

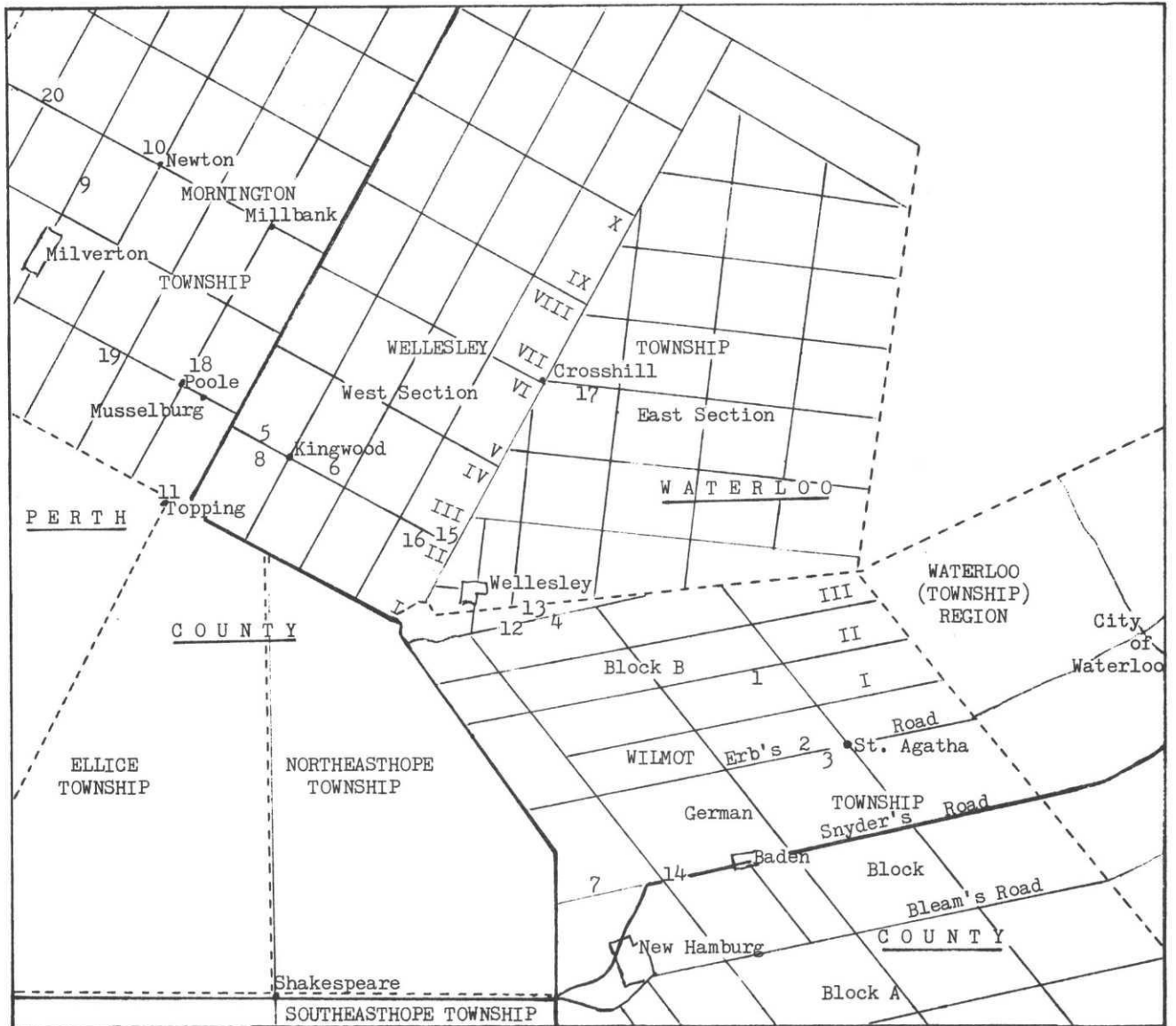
We have no record of where Joseph was buried. It is possible that burials already took place at this early date on the St. Agatha Mennonite cemetery almost directly across from the Boshart homestead. This is the most likely location. No marker remains. Since Nicolaus Lichti retained his farm on Erb's Road after purchasing the Jantzi farm, it is possible that the widow was allowed to remain in her house. It may also be that she and the children went to live with various relatives and friends.

On March 19, 1847, John Jantzi, Joseph's brother, took over the administration of the estate, and meticulously recorded receipts and expenditures -- from whom received or to whom paid -- for the next few years. Only a few times did he indicate what payment was for -- two advertisements (to Henry Eby, newspaper publisher) and paper. On January 26, 1850, Christian Riser was paid \$104.00 and on February 25 another \$100.00. On March 8, he was paid \$6.60 for shingles. From this, one might deduce that Christian had been employed to do some building, and in this way became acquainted with Catherine. On September 23, 1850, settlement was made with the widow who had married Christian Riser. Catherine received one third of the estate (\$562.91). The remainder was divided into six equal parts. Each of the children received their share with interest when they reached the age of 21. On the next page are listed a number of translated items from Administrator John Jantzi's records.

<sup>2</sup>We do not have Magdalena Gerber's death date, but it must have been after daughter Maria's birth which was March 10, 1840.

<sup>1</sup>See the map on page 15.

MAP



Wellesley and Wilmot are townships in Waterloo County. Wellesley is also a village. SouthEasthope, NorthEasthope, Ellice, and Mornington are townships in Perth County.

————— County boundaries and main roads

----- Township boundaries

————— Concessions and other roads (Concessions numbered I, II, III, etc.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Joseph Jantzi farm (Wilmot)</li> <li>2) Christian Boshart farm (later Michael Jantzi farm)</li> <li>3) St. Agatha Mennonite Church and cemetery</li> <li>4) John Jantzi farm</li> <li>5) Christian Riser farm (later Joseph B. Jantzi farm and burial ground)</li> <li>6) Joseph B. Lichti farm (last farm only)</li> <li>7) John Ulrich farm (Wilmot)</li> <li>8) John Ulrich farm (Wellesley)(later Nicholas Ulrich farm)</li> <li>9) Christian B. Jantzi farm (Mornington)</li> <li>10) Nicholas Ulrich home (Mornington)</li> <li>11) Jacob Schweitzer farm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12) Michael Zehr farm and Amish Mennonite Society Cemetery</li> <li>13) Christian Kennel farm</li> <li>14) Steinmann Mennonite Church and cemetery</li> <li>15) Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Church and Cemetery</li> <li>16) Mapleview Mennonite Church and cemetery</li> <li>17) 7th Line Old Order Amish Mennonite cemetery (Wellesley)</li> <li>18) Poole Mennonite Church and cemetery</li> <li>19) Poole Amish Mennonite Church and cemetery</li> <li>20) 7th Line Old Order Amish Mennonite cemetery (Mornington)</li> </ul> |
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JOSEPH AND CATHERINE (BOSHART) JANTZI ESTABLISH A HOME

Wilmot September 23rd 1850

We the undersigned witness herewith that we had settlement on this date of the estate of Joseph Jantzi and have found everything in order with the accounts of John Jantzi administrator and remains over for the heirs as follows \$1688.73. Should any be lost or after this date further expenses be incurred this shall be deducted. As things stand now the inheritance left for the widow is \$562.90 and the remaining \$1125.82 for the children, each receiving the same.

Signed on the above date:

Christian Riser	
Nicolaus Lichti	Catarin x Boshart
Johannes L. Lichti	Christian Boshart
Michel Jantzi	Johannes Jantzi
Noa Bechtel	Administrator

(Note: Nicolaus Lichti was the purchaser of the Janti farm. Johannes L. Lichti resided on Lot #8, and Noah Bechtel on Lot #11.)

Wilmot the 23rd September 1850

Settled with the heirs of Joseph Jantzi and have found everything in order, and after everything is balanced remains the sum of -----	1688 6 0
Of which the widow receives one third, namely -----	562 0 91
The remainder in six parts makes each sixth part -----	187 0 64
The interest on \$187.64 for one year is -----	11 0 26
and for one month -----	94

(Notice the three columns of figures. He must have been using the old English system of pounds, shillings and pence. However, he used the term dollar, not pound, and in the final sums in the settlement, the dollar system is used. They were have problems converting to metric already back in 1850!)

The following is a list of the children and their birthdates with the amount each one will receive:

259.93	Katharina Jantzi	born the 21st February 1836
292.76	Barbara Jantzi	born the 2nd January 1838
301.20	Maia (Maria) Jantzi	born the 4th August 1839
317.11	Christian Jantzi	born the 18th March 1841
332.16	Johannes Jantzi	born the 29th July 1842
349.16	Joseph Jantzi	born the 28th May 1844

On September 23, 1850, Christian Riser signed a receipt for Catherine's share of \$562.91. Shortly after their 21st birthday, each daughter and son received her/his share (with appropriate interest) from Uncle John and signed a receipt.

Joseph died in his 35th year. He lost his father in France when almost 16, crossed the Atlantic, married and had seven children, and carved a home out of the wilderness of Upper Canada. He bought his farm for 100 pounds and sold it for the same amount. Where did the estate of \$1688.73 come from? With uncleared land there must have been little produce, and if there had been produce, they were far from a market. In an economy with little money, one had to work long and hard to make money on one's labor. Perhaps the Jantzis

had inherited a little money, but since it needed to be divided among so many people, there could not have been a large amount for anyone. One can only conclude that Joseph had worked hard and managed well -- perhaps with some help from his wife. John also must not have mismanaged the estate from 1847 to 1850. Joseph's life was brief but productive. In a very real sense his life goes on. This book bears witness to that.

Little is known about Christian Riser. Abe Siegner, a life-long resident on the Riser-Jantzi farm, thought he was a French soldier. Riser is not a common name among the Amish Mennonites in Ontario. If Christian was not of Amish origin, he joined the group on his marriage to Catherine, because the census always lists him as Amish or Mennonite.

By 1851, Christian and Catherine, the two oldest daughters and the youngest surviving son, Joseph were living in Wellesley Township (Lot #2 E $\frac{1}{2}$ , Con. III, West Section). The other three children were living elsewhere. Christian, age 11, was in the home of Christian and Catherine Roth. John, age 10, was in the Christian and Veronica Steinman home. Maria was with John and Veronica Erb. All of these were in Wilnot Township. In the 1851 census, Riser's house was called a "shanty." In 1861 their log house was reported to have been built in 1852. Daughters Catherine and Barbara had married in 1858 and 1860, respectively, but the rest of the family was all at home in 1861. This included four young children born to Christian and Catherine,<sup>1</sup> as well as another Catherine Jantzi, age 15. On July 15, 1862, the 26th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, Christian Riser received title to his land for which he paid \$350.00.

During the 1860's, the rest of the Jantzi children married and set up homes of their own. Catherine had married Joseph B. Lichti in 1858. Barbara married Jacob Schweitzer in 1860 and moved a short distance south and west of home into Mornington Township. Perth County. Maria and Nicholas Ulrich were married the following year and also moved into Mornington. In 1862, Christian B. Jantzi married Nicholas Ulrich's sister, Magdalena, and they probably stayed on the Ulrich farm across the road for some time. John B. Jantzi died in 1865, probably of tuberculosis, at the age of 22. In 1866, Joseph B. Jantzi married Elizabeth Boshart, daughter of a cousin of Joseph's mother. The following year they bought the home farm from Christian Riser. Christian reserved one-half acre on which he built a log house for the remainder of the family. Later owners converted this house into a small barn, which is still in use. The steep hill on the west side of the stream is known to local residents as "Risser's Hill." Only the older ones know how it got its name.

In 1871, Joseph B.'s wife died and was buried on the family farm. The next year he married Catherine Jausi, whose family lived next to the Ulrichs. During this time Joseph B. built the barn which is still in use at the time of this writing.

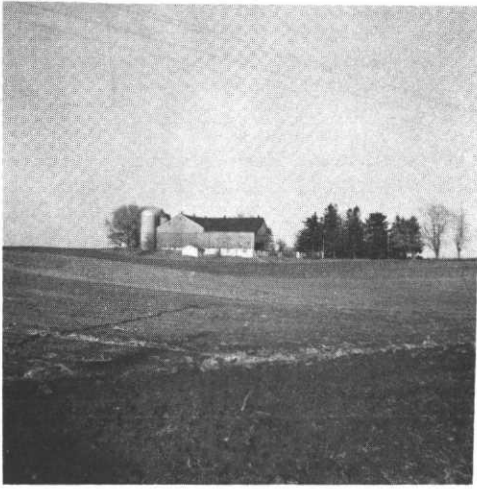
In the 1870s, the Riser daughters married two Brunk brothers and also left the nest. The greatest changes in the Jantzi-Riser family came in the late 1870s and early 1880s. It seems that every decade there was an exodus from the Canadian settlement to one of the western frontiers. In the late 1870s it was Nebraska that was beckoning with a promise of cheap land and better opportunities. A number of the Jantzi-Riser clan were caught up in this movement. In 1878,<sup>2</sup> Joseph B. Jantzi sold the family farm. Christian B. Jantzi also sold his farm in 1878 and Nicholas Ulrich in 1879. All of these families, as well as Jacob and Barbara Schweitzer, settled in Seward County, Nebraska.

Death took its toll once more when daughter Catherine lost her husband, Joseph B. Lichti, in 1881. Joseph B. Jantzi, who had just moved to Nebraska, also died in 1881. David Riser married Veronica Ernst in 1882 and migrated to Holt County, Nebraska, in 1886.

Thus Catherine and Christian found themselves quite alone in their little house. Few people living today can remember back to Catherine and Christian and certainly not to Joseph. However, Katie (Leis) Schwartzentruber, a great-granddaughter, remembered hearing that Catherine would go out to the fields to work in the morning. At noon she would stop at the stream, catch some fish and take them home for their dinner. Joseph B. had sold the farm to John Honderich whose grandson, Abe Siegner, remembered the time of Catherine's death in 1894. He was a little boy, and on his way to school he looked in the window and saw her coffin. Catherine was buried in the Poole Mennonite cemetery. Christian then lived with his daughters and died near St. Agatha. He is buried in the St. Agatha Mennonite cemetery.

<sup>1</sup>Peter Riser died in infancy. Leah, who appeared in the 1861 census, died in 1862 at the age of seven.

<sup>2</sup>The land records give this date. According to family tradition, they went to Nebraska via Saskatchewan and Minnesota, and son John was born in Saskatchewan in 1877. Perhaps they moved earlier, and Joseph returned to sell the property.

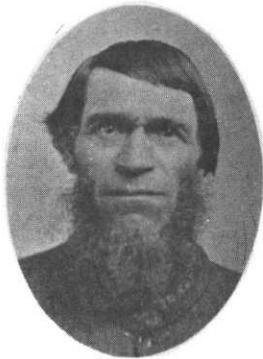


The Christian Boshart farm where Joseph and Michael Jantzi found and married their brides, Catherine and Maria Boshart

Joseph, who died in 1847, would never have seen these buildings. Catherine would have been familiar with them, because they would have been built by her brother-in-law, Michael Jantzi.  
(taken in 1982)



Joseph Jantzi's sister Anna and her husband Michael Zehr settled at Croghan, New York. A burial ground was begun close to their house. Part of the stone fence remains.  
(taken in 1976)



Peter Yancey (1822-1904)



Magdalena (Zehr) Yancey

Since many of the first and second generation Jantzis in America lived in the days before photography, especially Joseph (1812-1847), and because of the Amish and Mennonite aversion to having their pictures taken,<sup>1</sup> it is amazing to find the above photos of Peter Yancey, half-brother to Joseph, and his wife Magdalena Zehr. We are reproducing them here, because this is probably the closest we will get to seeing a resemblance of Joseph, the progenitor of most of the family in this book. At any rate, it shows the typical Amish Mennonite hair and costume styles of the period.

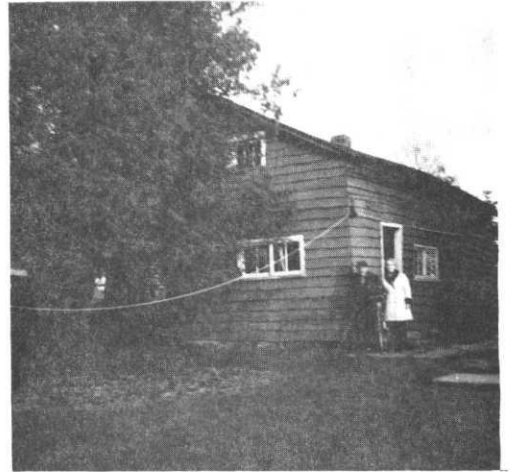
It would appear that Peter and Magdalena were in their early forties when these pictures were taken, which would date the pictures in the early 1860s. The pictures from which these copies were reproduced would indicate they were taken considerably later. Perhaps the pictures we used were already reproductions of earlier tintypes.

<sup>1</sup>There are probably two reasons why the Amish and Mennonites at first did not accept photography. One was their reticence to accept anything new. The other reason, and the one which persists among conservative groups to this day, is the second of the Ten Commandments, which forbids the making of a graven image. In German, the word used for graven image is "Bild," which is the same word used for picture or photograph. The strictness of interpretation and practice varied from community to community and family to family.

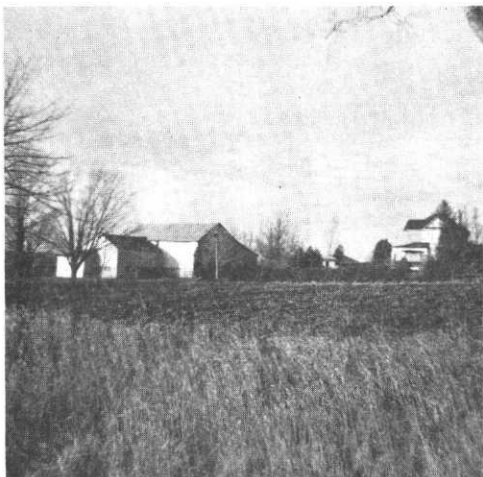


The Christian and Catherine Riser farm in Wellesley Township

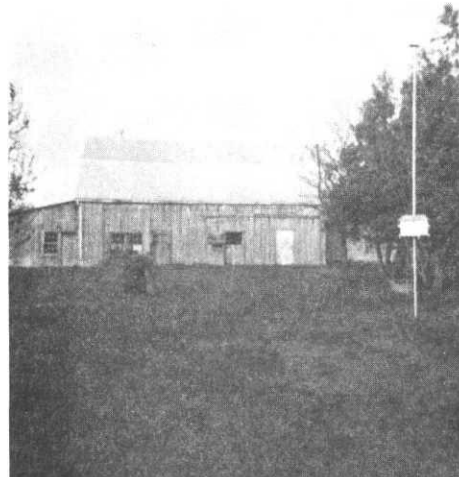
The main part of the large barn was built by Joseph B. Jantzi while he owned the farm (1867-1878). The small barn in the right half of the picture is a log structure built by Riser after he sold the farm to Joseph B.. He had reserved a half-acre plot for that purpose. It was used by the Risers as a house. This view is taken from Risser's Hill, west of the farm. There is a stream in the foreground. (taken in 1982)



The house which Christian Riser built in 1852, says Abe Siegner (gentleman with canes) resembled this building. Abe's grandfather had this building moved and added it to the house that Riser built. About 1900 the present, spacious, brick house was constructed on the site on which Riser had built his house.



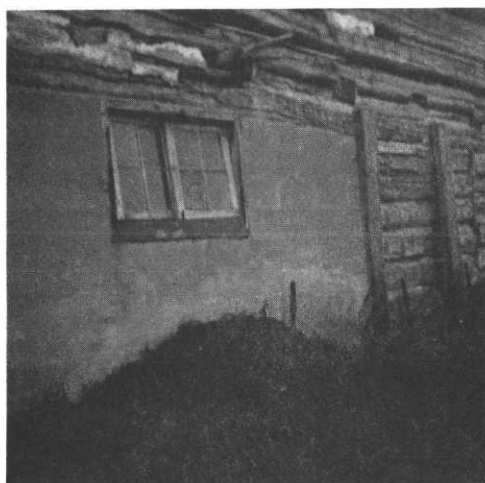
The Riser-Jantzi farm with the barn Joseph B. built  
The brick house stands on the site on which Christian Riser had built the original house.



This is a closer view of the log structure Christian Riser built. A later owner converted the log house into a barn and built a larger house nearby.

THE JANTZI / RISER FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
Joseph Jantzi (farmer) m. May, 1835 in Wilmot Township, Upper Canada to Catherine Boshart, dau. of Christian and Catherine (Litwiller) Boshart Amish Mennonite Wilmot Twp., Ontario	Dec 14, 1812 Lorraine, Fr. Dec 22, 1817 Alsace, Fr.	Jan 18, 1847 Wilmot Twp. Dec 3, 1894 Poole Menn.Cem.
1. Catherine Jantzi m. Oct 6, 1858 to Joseph B. Lichti	Feb 21, 1836 Apr 20, 1833	Jul 30, 1923 Aug 23, 1881
2. Barbara Jantzi m. Oct 2, 1860 to Jacob Schweitzer	Jan 2, 1838 Nov 19, 1935	Apr 17, 1915 Feb 8, 1899
3. Maria Jantzi m. Dec 15, 1861 to Nicholas Ulrich	Aug 4, 1839 Mar 17, 1841	Jun 17, 1922 Oct 20, 1910
4. Christian B. Yantzi m. Mar 25, 1862 to Magdalena Ulrich	Mar 18, 1841 Mar 25, 1843	Apr 16, 1926 Apr 25, 1899
5. John B. Jantzi	Jul 29, 1842	Jan 28, 1865
6. Joseph B. Jantzi m. Oct 9, 1866 to Elizabeth Boshart rm. July 2, 1872 to Catherine Jausi	May 28, 1844 Feb 26, 1845 Jun 13, 1848	Nov 13, 1881 Apr 17, 1871 Dec 15, 1891
7. Peter Jantzi	July 1846	Feb 16, 1847
Christian Riser (farmer) m. to Catherine (Boshart) Jantzi, dau. of Christian and Catherine (Litwiller) Boshart Amish Mennonite Wellesley, Ont.	Nov 1819 Dec 22, 1817	Mar 16, 1897 Dec 3, 1894
1. Peter Riser	Mar 21, 1850	Jan 7, 1851
2. Magdalena Riser m. Feb 27, 1872 to Christian Brunk	Mar 26, 1852 May 29, 1847	May 13, 1930 Apr 13, 1937
3. Leah Riser	July 3, 1854	Apr 10, 1862
4. Annie Riser m. to Joseph Brunk	Aug 8, 1856 May 15, 1856	Oct 14, 1937 Mar 31, 1908
5. David Riser m. Dec 3, 1882 to Veronica Ernst	Sep 15, 1858 Nov 7, 1862	May 14, 1936 Nov 19, 1944



At the back of the barn which Christian Riser built as a house, some of the logs are exposed.



Abe Siegner (age 95 in 1982) chatting with Ruth (Yantzi) Ryan  
Abe was a small boy when Catherine (Boshart, Jantzi) Riser died. On his way to school he looked in the window of the little log house and saw her coffin.

Catherine, the oldest of Joseph Jantzi and Catherine Boshart's children, was born in Wilmot Township, probably at her grandfather Boshart's place just west of St. Agatha. Catherine came honestly by her name since this was the name of her mother, her grandmother Boshart and her step-grandmother Jantzi.

Between 1839 and 1847 Catherine lived with her parents on a farm one concession north of the Boshart grandparents. Two sisters and four brothers added to the fun in the family, but also added to Catherine's responsibilities at an early age. For some reason or other, Catherine's father decided to sell their farm in October of 1846. In January of 1847, when Catherine was only ten years old, Joseph died. Whether he died of illness or accident, we do not know, but we suspect it may have been of smallpox. Six-month-old Peter died of "pox" a few weeks after the death of Joseph.<sup>1</sup> As the oldest child in the family, Catherine must have felt the brunt of this calamity along with her widowed mother.

About three years later Catherine's mother married again -- to Christian Riser -- and moved to Wellesley Township. Did this improve the quality of Catherine's life or did it add to her hardships? At age 15 Catherine and her sister Barbara and youngest brother Joseph were at home. The other children were probably working for their board for relatives and friends. They were still living in a shanty;<sup>2</sup> so life could not have held too many comforts at that time. During the next several years five children were born to Catherine's mother and step-father.

In 1858 the new house (built in 1852) was the scene of Catherine's wedding. At age 22 she married Joseph B. Lichti, son of Joseph Lichti and Veronica Bösigler (Boesiger). Bishop Peter Litwiller from Wilmot performed the marriage. John Jantzi and Joseph L. Lichti were the witnesses. John Jantzi was probably Catherine's uncle -- she also had two cousins by that name. Joseph L. Lichti was Joseph B.'s cousin.

The Lichti family has been somewhat of a puzzle. There was an extended Lichti family in Wilmot in pioneer days, and it would seem that Joseph B.'s father should be the Joseph in that family list.<sup>3</sup> Family tradition claims that this was a different family. Katie (Lichti) Kuepfer, daughter of Menno Lichti, told me Joseph B. was of Mennonite (rather than Amish Mennonite) origin. Others claimed he was Lutheran. It may very well be that Veronica Boesiger was from a Mennonite family, and thus this Lichti family identified with the Mennonite rather than the Amish community.<sup>4</sup>

Joseph and Veronica are listed as Mennonite in the census records. Joseph, the elder, married again in 1879 to Catherine Reul. This is not a Mennonite or Amish name; so she may have been Lutheran, and Joseph then may have joined the Lutherans. At any rate, all of Joseph B.'s brothers and sisters affiliated with the Lutheran Church or some church other than Amish or Mennonite.

<sup>1</sup>This was reported in the newspaper, Der Deutsche Canadier, published in Berlin (now Kitchener)

<sup>2</sup>From the 1851 census

Although most Amish Mennonite Lichtis spelled the name with an "i," Joseph B. and his brothers frequently appear with a "y," although not consistently. David's son Orval and others also began using "y" when they became aware of its earlier use.

Joseph B. Lichti was probably born in Wilmot<sup>5</sup> Township and moved with his parents to Wellesley Township (Lot #12, Con. I, West Section) about 1850. Where did Catherine and Joseph live during the first years of their marriage? Perhaps they lived with his parents for some time. Probably most of their children were born on Lot #9, Con. II, although we do not know when they purchased this farm. From January of 1875 until May of 1876 Joseph B. Lichti also owned, along with Christian S. Erb, the south half of Lot #6, Con. II. It seems they never lived there. In October of 1875 they sold Lot #9, Con. II, and in January of 1876 they purchased the entire 200 acres on Lot #6, Con. III.

Catherine gave birth to eleven children. The second child, a daughter, lived only 28 hours. Along with looking after her own small children, Catherine also took care of her brother, John B. Jantzi, in his illness and death, probably of tuberculosis, in 1865. John was only 22 years old.<sup>6</sup>

As her mother before her, so Catherine also lost her husband at an early age. Joseph B. died in the summer of 1881. However, their oldest son Christian was already 22 years old so that this family was in a better position to carry on than was the Joseph Jantzi family. Catherine and her family continued to operate the farm for almost 15 years. It was then divided, giving sons Rudolph and David each a 100-acre farm. David built an addition on his house for Catherine.

Elizabeth (Lichti) Schultz, daughter of David, remembered her grandmother Catherine (Jantzi) Lichti very well because she had her rooms in their home. Elizabeth said her grandmother was very easy to please and would always give her a dish or a dime when she did something for her. She remembered that Grandmother would knit with the Bible beside her on the table. She would alternate knitting with reading. Elizabeth remembered her as a wonderful grandmother and prayed that she would be that kind of a grandmother too. John L. Erb remembered running across the road and through the field to visit his grandmother. Katie (Leis) Schwartzenruber also remembered going to her grandmother's to help with the house cleaning.

Catherine was a widow for 44 years. She reached the age of 87 and died at her youngest daughter's (Mary and Solomon Leis') home. Both Catherine and Joseph are buried in the cemetery adjoining the Mapleview Mennonite Church.

<sup>3</sup>See list on next page.

<sup>4</sup>For discussion on division of Amish and Mennonite, see page 1.

<sup>5</sup>Joseph and Veronica (Boesiger) Lichti lived on Lot #17, N Snyder's Road, Wilmot from before 1830 to 1850.

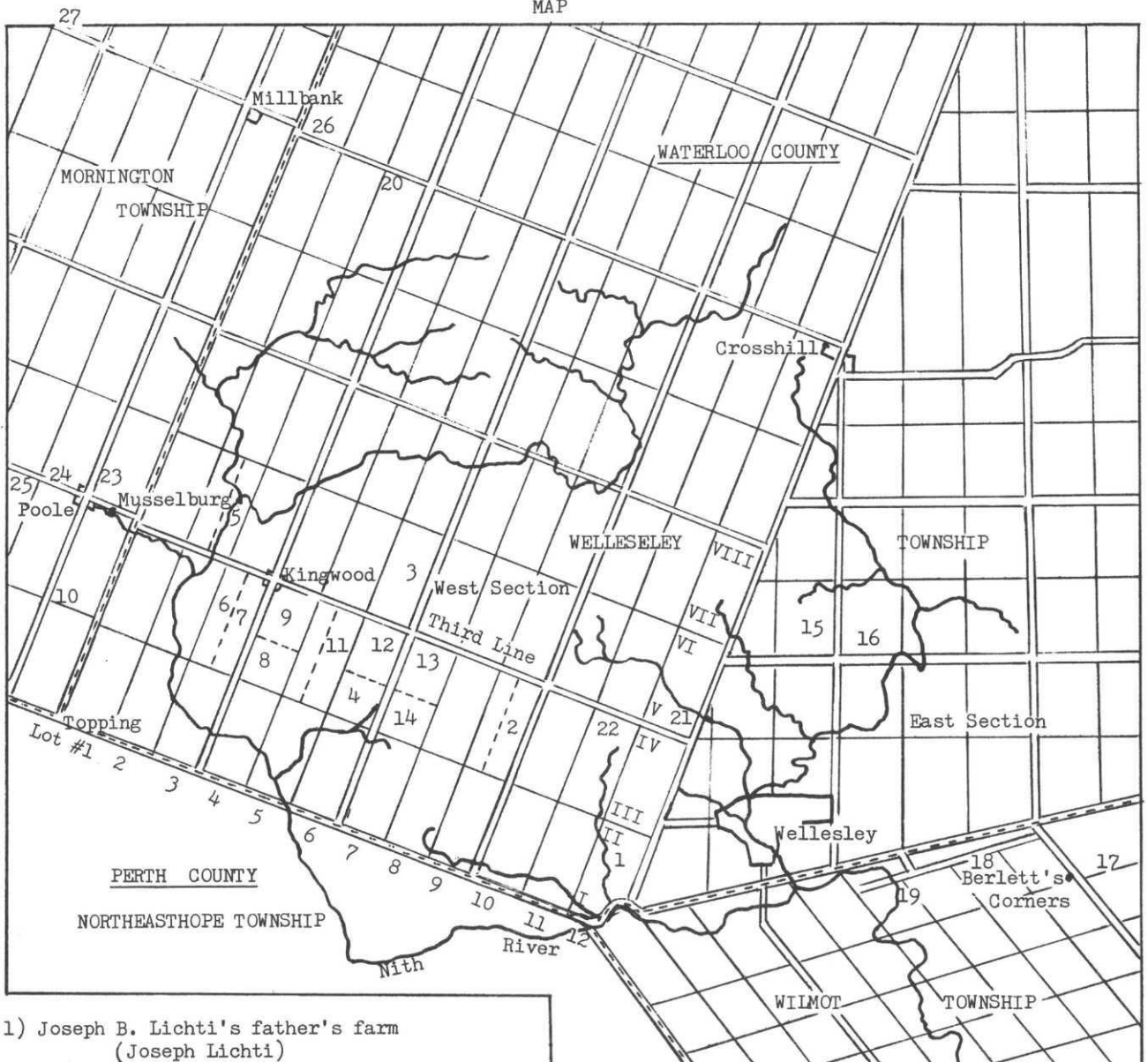
<sup>6</sup>See John B. Jantzi's story, page 217.

JOHANNES AND MAGDALENA (YODER) LICHTI FAMILY

Johannes Lichti 1756-1839  and  Magdalena Yoder 1773-	Magdalena Lichti 1794- m. Michael Roth	Catherine Roth (1815-1890) m. Jacob Schwartzentruber Magdalena Roth (1818-1887) m. Joseph Ruby John Roth (1823-1893) m. Katherine Boshart Mary Roth (1827-1876) m. Joseph Boshart Elizabeth Roth (1831-1892) Nicholas Roth (1832-1919) m. Anna Diener
	Christian Lichti 1796-1865 m. Magdalena Litwiller (sister to Peter below)	John L. Lichti (1817-1866) m. Elizabeth Kropf rm. Barbara Gerber Maria Lichti (1819-1900) m. Moseph Zehr Joseph L. Lichti (1824-1890) m. Magdalena Farney Catherine Lichti (1826-1910) m. Christian N. Roth Magdalena Lichti (1827-1893) m. Joseph R. Ropp Barbara Lichti (1830- ) Veronica Lichti (1833-1907) m. John B. Jantzi
	Joseph Lichti 1805- m. Veronica Bösiger rm. Catherine Reul	Joseph B. Lichti (1833-1881) m. Catherine Jantzi Daniel Lichty m. Margaret Kelso Fanny Lichty m. Fleischauer John B. Lichty (1846-1915) m. Catherine Streicher Catherine Lichty (1850-1936) m. Jobst Neumeister
	Maria Lichti 1807-1889 m. Jacob Kuepfer 1798-1862	John L. Kuepfer (1828-1910) m. Magdalena Jantzi Joseph L. Kuepfer (1829-1832) Jacob L. Kuepfer (1831-1861) m. Veronica Buerge Magdalena Kuepfer (1833-1914) m. Michael Jantzi Nicholas L. Kuepfer (1835-1893) m. Magdalena Gerber Catherine Kuepfer (1837-1898) m. Peter Brenneman rm. Nicholas Roth Christian L. Kuepfer (1839-1916) m. Katherine Jantzi Daniel L. Kuepfer (1841-1920) m. m. Catherine Boshart Andrew L. Kuepfer (1843-1932) m. Rachel Oesch Anna Kuepfer (1848-1930) m. Christian B. Roth Menno L. Kuepfer (1849-1922) m. Leah Gingerich
	Elizabeth Lichti 1808-1882 m. Peter Litwiller 1809-1878 (bishop)	Magdalena Litwiller (1831-1916) m. John Mayer Anna Maria Litwiller (1832-1911) m. Christian Erb Catherine Litwiller (1833-1915) m. John Schultz Jacob Litwiller (1835-1918) m. Elizabeth Buerge Barbara Litwiller (1837/8-1871) m. Daniel Brenneman Veronica Litwiller (1839-1932) m. Joseph Schultz John Litwiller (1842-1927) m. Catherine Jantzi Peter Litwiller (1844-1904) m. Leah Roth Elizabeth Litwiller (1846-1927) m. Menno Schultz Christian Litwiller (1848-1924) m. Maria Miller Anna Litwiller (1850-1915) m. Peter Ramseyer Michael Litwiller (infant)
	Nicholas Lichti 1811-1907 m. Anna Ernst 1806-	Magdalena Lichti (1833-1893) m. Christian L. Roth Maria Lichti (1834- ) m. Michael Kennel John E. Lichti (1837- ) m. Maria Kennel rm. George Schultz Anna Lichti (1839-1903) m. Christian Jantzi Nicholas Lichti (1843- ) m. Barbara Schmidt Christian Lichti (1844-1911) m. Anna Schlegel Elizabeth Lichti (1850-1852)

This family list (first two columns) was preserved by Nicholas Lichti in his record book. He said that Johannes Lichti was from Sainte Marie-aux-Mines (in the Vosges Mountains of eastern France) and Magdalena, born Yoder, was from Montbéliard, France. He gave the birth-dates of his parents and all the children. Johannes' death date was found in the Canada Museum, a newspaper published in Berlin (Kitchener) in the late 1830's. Magdalena was still living at the time of the 1851 census. She was living with son Nicholas. Her death date has not been found. Magdalena and Michael Roth came to Canada in 1827. Perhaps all the Lichtis came at the same time.

The Joseph B. Lichti and Catherine (Jantzi) Lichti family genealogy is found in the following pages. Joseph B.'s brother Daniel and his wife lived in Michigan. Sister Fanny moved to Nebraska. Her husband's last name was Fleischauer, but his given name is not known. Brother John B. Lichty married Catherine Streicher, and they raised their family in the Wellesley area. They are buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Wellesley. Joseph's sister Catherine married Jobst Neumeister. They are buried in the Lutheran cemetery just west of Poole.



- 1) Joseph B. Lichti's father's farm (Joseph Lichti)
- 2) Joseph B. Lichti's first farm
- 3) Joseph B. Lichti's last farm (later Rudy Lichti had West Half, David Lichti had East Half)
- 4) Joseph B. Lichti and Christian S. Erb (joint ownership 1875 to 1876)
- 5) Christian Riser - Joseph B. Jantzi farm (burial ground at SE corner)
- 6) John Ulrich farm (later Nicholas Ulrich farm)
- 7) John Jausi farm
- 8) John Gascho farm (wife Catherine Lichti)
- 9) Christian B. Jantzi farm (son of Michael) (Nicholaus and Veronica (Lichti) Jantzi lived here before migrating to Minnesota)
- 10) Menno Lichti farm
- 11) John S. Erb farm (father of Jacob)
- 12) Jacob S. Erb farm (wife Barbara Lichti) (later John L. Erb farm)
- 13) Jacob S. Erb farm (later Sam Erb farm)
- 14) Moses Lichti farm (before migrating to New York)
- 15) Christian Lichti farm
- 16) Solomon Leis farm (wife Mary Lichti)
- 17) Solomon Leis home (after returning from Canboro Township)
- 18) John Jantzi farm (administrator of Joseph Jantzi estate)
- 19) Amish Mennonite Society Cemetery
- 20) 7th Line Old Order Amish Mennonite cemetery (Wellesley)
- 21) Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Church and cemetery
- 22) Mapleview Mennonite Church and cemetery
- 23) Poole Mennonite Church and cemetery
- 24) Fairhaven Amish Mennonite Church
- 25) Poole Amish Mennonite Church and cemetery
- 26) Bethel Conservative Mennonite Church
- 27) 7th Line Old Order Amish Mennonite cemetery (Mornington)

Note: Concessions are numbered I, II, III, etc.

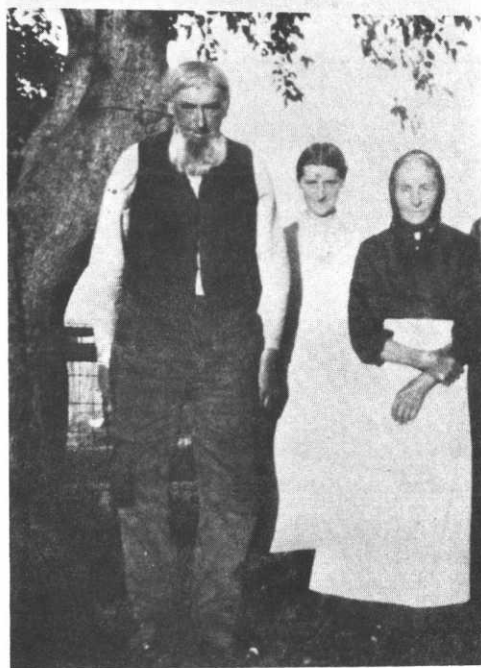
CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY



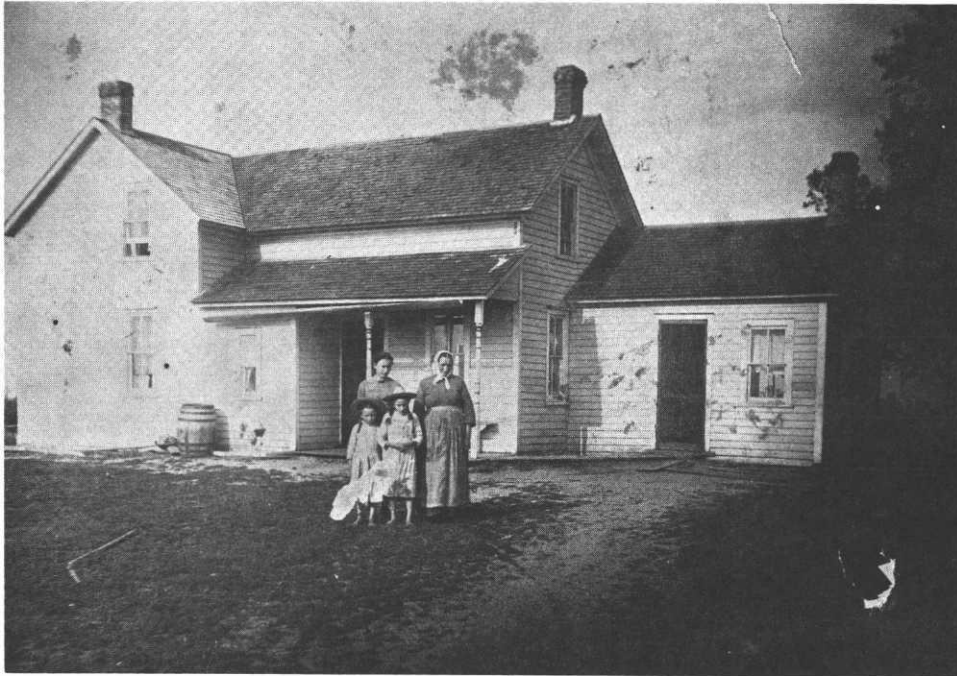
In the early 1890s, the Joseph B. Lichti farm was divided into two 100-acre farms. Rudy's lane went in from the third line road (buildings on the left). David's buildings were on the right with the lane going in from the north-south road. Richard Lichty, a great grandson of David, now owns the entire 200 acres. The house on what had been Rudy's farm has been removed. (taken in 1982)



This is the portion which David Lichti added to his house for his mother, Catherine (Jantzi) Lichti



L - R: Christian Lichti  
Fannie Lichti (Jantzi)  
Catherine (Leis) Lichti  
Catherine Lichti (Wagler)  
(separate photo)



Veronica (Lichti) Jantzi with daughters (older to younger):  
Nancy, Rachel and Dora. This must have been taken in Minne-  
sota shortly before they moved to West Branch, Michigan.



Three youngest daughters of Catherine and  
Joseph B. Lichti  
L - R: Nancy (Lichti) Schmidt  
Barbara (Lichti) Erb  
Mary (Lichti) Leis



Mary (Lichti) Leis and Solomon Leis  
with granddaughter Dorothy Leis (Pontrello)

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
Catherine Jantzi m. Oct 6, 1858 in Wellesley Twp. to Joseph B. Lichti (farmer) son of Joseph and Veronica (Bösiger) Lichti Amish Mennonite Wellesley, Ont.	Feb 21, 1836 Wilmot Twp. Apr 20, 1833 Wilmot Twp.	Jul 30, 1923 Mapleview Cem. Aug 23, 1881 Mapleview Cem.
I. Christian Lichti m. Oct 3, 1882 to Catherine Leis	Sep 10, 1859 May 3, 1857	Oct 19, 1933 Mar 24, 1932
II. Infant daughter	Dec 6, 1860	Dec 7, 1860
III. Fronica (Veronica) Lichti m. Feb 3, 1880 to Nicholaus Jantzi	Jun 16, 1862 Feb 14, 1858	Jan 16, 1935 Dec 5, 1934
IV. Catherine Lichti m. Mar 4, 1890 to John Gascho	Mar 21, 1864 Nov 4, 1864	Jan 20, 1930 Feb 3, 1949
V. Menno Lichti m. June 8, 1890 to Elizabeth Jantzi	Sep 30, 1865 Mar 25, 1864	May 4, 1961 Nov 24, 1949
VI. Rudolph Lichti m. Dec 8, 1891 to Leah Jantzi rm. Feb 5, 1899 to Rachel Schrag	Apr 14, 1868 Mar 25, 1864 May 28, 1864	Dec 23, 1913 Jan 5, 1898 Jan 4, 1928
VII. David J. Lichti m. Jan 21, 1894 to Barbara Schultz	Apr 15, 1870 Mar 6, 1871	Nov 28, 1936 Mar 19, 1944
VIII. Anna (Nancy) Lichti m. Jan 17, 1893 to Daniel B. O. Schmidt	Oct 5, 1871 Feb 27, 1871	Dec 30, 1948 Jan 6, 1942
IX. Moses Lichti m. Mar 21, 1905 to Anna Lichti	Oct 11, 1873 1884	Apr 22, 1937 Sep 14, 1973
X. Barbara Lichti m. Jan 2, 1900 to Jacob S. Erb	Mar 12, 1876 Jan 17, 1876	June 1, 1948 June 1, 1957
XI. Mary Lichti m. Mar 30, 1897 to Solomon R. Leis	Apr 16, 1878 June 2, 1869	Jun 19, 1959 Aug 13, 1964

*\$259.93. Wilmot Township Jan 23. 1857.  
Erbschaften von Johann Jantzi administrator von  
Johann Jantzi die sum von zwei Hundert neun und  
neunzig dollar, und zwanzig und vierzig sind in voll  
Christiana Riser  
Cadarina Jantzi*

Copy of the receipt signed by Catherine Jantzi on receipt of her inheritance from her father's estate. It was also signed by her step-father, Christian Riser.

\$259.93 Wilmot February the 23rd 1857  
Received from John Jantzi administrator for Joseph Jantzi the sum of two hundred fifty-nine dollars and ninety-two\* cents in full.

Christian Riser

Cadarina Jantzi

\*This definitely says "two," but when written in figures this amount is always "3."

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

CHRISTIAN AND CATHERINE (LEIS) LICHTI FAMILY

Christian, the firstborn of the Catherine and Joseph B. Lichti family was born in Wellesley Township. He was 22 years of age when the family lost their father.

In 1882, a year after his father's death, Christian married Catherine Leis, daughter of Joseph Leis and Catherine Kennel. Since Catherine's grandmother, Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel and Christian's grandfather, Joseph Jantzi, were brother and sister, Christian and Catherine were second cousins.

Christian and Catherine settled on a farm (Lot #12, Con. IV) in the East Section of Wellesley Township (see map on page 23). Five children were born to them but only two, Katie and Fannie, grew to adulthood.

From an exchange of letters between Christian and Katie and their daughters in November and December of 1906, we gather that they took a trip to Minnesota and Nebraska. Since the letters included greetings to "Grandmother," it would seem that Catherine (Jantzi) Lichti was along on the trip. Christian reported their arrival at Moses Schweitzer's in Milford, Nebraska. Barbara, Catherine's sister, would have been living with Mose at that time. Katie and Fannie's letters were addressed to Wilmont, Minnesota, where Christian, his wife and mother, would have been visiting Veronica (Christian's sister) and Nicholaus Jantzi.

When the oldest daughter, Katie, married Joel Wagler, Christian and Catherine left the farm to them and moved to a house at the edge of the village of Wellesley.

Since Joel Wagler was from an Old Order family, Katie and Joel joined a more conservative church (now known as Cedar Grove) which at that time did not allow cars or telephones. Christian and Catherine were members of the Mapleview Congregation; so Christian had a Model T Ford. Christian and Catherine frequently returned to the farm to help with the work. Katie's sons remember that as small boys, when they heard the car coming at quite a distance, they would run out the lane to meet their grandparents. Christian would always stop to pick them up. The lane was long, with a fairly steep hill which was difficult to negotiate with a Model T., especially when he had to stop to pick up the boys. Katie told her father that he should not bother to pick them up, then they would not always run out when they heard him come. Christian, however, made it clear that he would always pick them up. Chris L. Wagler still has his grandfather's pocket watch.

Christian and Catherine both died at the age of 74 years and are buried in the Mapleview Mennonite cemetery.

Information submitted by Verna (Boshart) Wagler in conversation with Chris, Elmer and Emanuel. They also furnished the letter quoted on page 30.

	BORN	DIED
I. Christian Lichti (farmer) m. Oct 3, 1882 in Wellesley Twp. to Catherine Leis, dau. of Joseph and Catherine (Kennel) Leis Amish Mennonite Wellesley, Ont.	Sep 10, 1859 Wellesley Twp. May 3, 1857	Oct 19, 1933 MapleviewMenn. Mar 24, 1932 MapleviewMenn.
A. Catherine Lichti m. Dec 8, 1921 to Joel Wagler	Nov 17, 1883 Dec 12, 1879	Aug 17, 1946 Apr 22, 1947
B. Joseph L. Lichti	July 2, 1886	Mar 9, 1891
C. Sarah Lichti	Sep 17, 1890	Oct 16, 1890
D. Fannie Lichti m. Nov 7, 1943 to Jacob B. Jantzi	July 2, 1893 May 8, 1881	Jul 22, 1963 May 14, 1971
E. Ezra Lichti	Jul 23, 1897	Nov 28, 1897
<i>o Bred's book</i>		
A. Catherine (Katie) Lichti m. Dec 8, 1921 in Wellesley Twp. to Joel Wagler (farmer) son of Joseph and Mary (Schwartzentruber) Amish Mennonite Bamberg, Ont.	Nov 17, 1883 Wellesley Twp. Dec 12, 1979 Wagler	Aug 17, 1946 CedarGroveA.M. Apr 22, 1947 E.Zorra Twp. CedarGroveA.M.
1. Christian L. Wagler (oil burner mechanic) m. June 2, 1951 at Steinmann Mennonite, Baden to Verna Magdalena Boshart (health care aide) dau. of Noah and Mennonite Victoria (Wagler) Boshart R.2, Baden, Ont. NOB IGO	Jun 29, 1922 Wellesley Twp. Jan 4, 1927 Wilmot Twp.	
a. Keith Christian Wagler	Sep 30, 1953	Kitchener, ON
b. Kathy Jane Wagler (reg. nurse) m. Oct 10, 1981 at Baden, ON to Todd Paul Loree (class A mechanic) son of Dennis Burton Mennonite and Marlene Estelle (Schell) Loree 2-228 Connaught St., Kitchener, Ont. (1) Matthew Todd Loree	May 9, 1959 Kitchener, ON Mar 8, 1959 Kitchener, ON	
	Nov 4, 1982	

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
I. Christian Lichti		
A. Catherine Lichti		
1. Christian L. Wagler		
c. Karolyn Louise Wagler	Feb 20, 1968	Kitchener, ON
2. Elmer L. Wagler (laborer)	Jan 20, 1926	Wellesley Twp.
m. Oct 17, 1951 in East Zorra Twp. to	Jan 26, 1933	E. Zorra Twp.
Hilda Catherine Iutzi, dau. of Michael and Sarah (Baechler)		
Mennonite		Iutzi
New Hamburg, Ont. NOB 2GO		
a. Judith Ann Wagler (reg. nurse)	Dec 29, 1952	Kitchener, ON
m. Aug 4, 1973 in New Hamburg, ON to	Oct 15, 1950	Kitchener, ON
Richard Edward Lebold (plumber) son of Edward and Marion		(Kipfer) Lebold
Mennonite		
R.1, New Hamburg, Ont. NOB 2GO		
(1) Mark Richard Lebold	Jun 5, 1975	Kitchener, ON
(2) Terry Patrick Lebold	Feb 23, 1981	Kitchener, ON
(3) Bradley Todd Lebold	June 9, 1982	Kitchener, ON
b. Donna Mae Wagler	Aug 19, 1954	Kitchener, ON
m. Sept 24, 1977 in New Hamburg, ON to	Jan 1, 1951	Stratford, ON
Roger Harold McIntosh (farmer) son of Scott and Florence		(Preiss) McIntosh
Lutheran		
R.6, Woodstock, Ont. N4S 7W1		
(1) Jason Roger McIntosh	Jan 5, 1979	Stratford, ON
(2) Jeffrey Harold McIntosh	May 31, 1980	Stratford, ON
3. Emanuel L. Wagler (foreman-paving co.)	Apr 16, 1927	Wellesley Twp.
m. Sept 23, 1950 at Steinmann Mennonite, Baden to	Oct 16, 1931	
Alice Mae Roth, dau. of Noah and Edna (Erb) Roth		
Mennonite		
New Hamburg, Ont. NOB 2GO		
a. Carol Ann Wagler	Mar 13, 1951	Kitchener, ON
m. Oct 18, 1973 in Vancouver, BC to	Oct 2, 1950	
Daniel Moreno		
Christian		
81 9th St., Providence, R.I.		
(1) Hanna Marie Moreno	Jul 13, 1975	
(2) Rebecca Lee Moreno	Aug 2, 1977	
(3) David Anthony Moreno	Apr 13, 1979	
b. Elaine Catherine Wagler	Sep 16, 1952	Kitchener, ON
m. Sept 25, 1973 in Vancouver, BC to	Aug 1952	
Eelake Liau		
Christian		
3894 Point Grey Rd., Vancouver, B.C.		
(1) Andrew Samuel Liau	Jan 1, 1979	
c. Robert Emanuel Wagler (maintenance-asphalt plant)	May 29, 1954	Kitchener, ON
m. Aug 20, 1977 at Waterloo, ON to	Jan 7, 1958	
Patricia Diane Braun (reg. nurse) dau. of Walter and		Diane (Witmer) Braun
Mennonite		
59-14 Williamsburg Rd., Kitchener, Ont.		
(1) Joshua Robert Wagler	Dec 6, 1980	
(2) Jason Emanuel Wagler	Jun 14, 1982	



## VERONICA LICHTI AND NICHOLAUS JANTZI

Veronica (sometimes written Fronica) but known as Frenie by her family, was the third child of Joseph B. and Catherine Lichti. She was born in 1862 in Wellesley Township. Her older sister died in infancy; so Veronica grew up as the oldest daughter in the family. She was 14 years old when the family moved from Lot #9, Con. II to Lot #6, Con. III, West Section, Wellesley Township. With eight younger brothers and sisters, Veronica learned how to care for a family at a young age.

Veronica married in 1880. Thus, she had already left home when her father, Joseph B. Lichti, died in 1881. Veronica married Nicholaus Jantzi, son of Christian B. Jantzi, who lived on the south side of the road at the Kingwood corner (Lot #4, Con. II).<sup>1</sup> Veronica's mother had a brother Christian B. Jantzi, but they also had a cousin Christian B., and Nicholaus was Cousin Christian B.'s son. Cousin Christian B.'s wife was Anna Lichti, a cousin of Joseph B. Lichti, Veronica's father. Thus, Veronica and Nicholaus were double second cousins. Fannie (Jantzi) Gingerich wrote concerning this: "I knew that Mother and Father were second cousins. My mother told me one time that they did not know or realize it till they were out to invite the people to their wedding. They drove with horse and buggy from place to place to invite them; then someone mentioned that they were second cousins."

Veronica and Nicholaus lived on his parents' farm until 1891 when they decided to go west. Veronica's uncles, Christian B. and Joseph B. Jantzi, and aunts, Maria Ulrich and Barbara Schweitzer had moved to Nebraska ten to thirteen years previously.

On April 17, 1891, Nicholaus wrote a letter to Veronica's brother, Christian Lichti, describing a few experiences on their trip to, and their arrival in, Minnesota ("Minisoda," as he spelled it in his letter). We quote a few excerpts:

"I now take the opportunity to strike a few lines....We had a good and safe journey, but we were pretty near tired riding on the cars (train cars). The little ones didn't like to sit any longer and wanted to run around the cars...."

I was out to buy a cow. I bought one for 20 dollars. The third day I went out to Fulda, and I met Dave<sup>2</sup> and the car all right. Everything came here as you put them in the car in old CANADA.<sup>3</sup>

On Sunday, Dave and me were in meeting....On Monday we went to empty the car, and Tuesday I was out for the last load. I live in a great big house now. It is about 14 x 16 feet.

<sup>1</sup>See map on page 23.

<sup>2</sup>

Dave must be David Jantzi, half-brother of Nicholaus' father.

<sup>3</sup>The immigrants purchased the space on one or more freight cars for their goods, which frequently included livestock. One person would be allowed to ride free with the freight. He would look after the animals. The immigrants and their families did their own loading and unloading.

On Wednesday, I got a load of lumber and went to my own farm with it, but Father<sup>4</sup> and me had a big job to find it....We went two miles from here, then we asked a man where the road is down our direction. He showed us the road about three miles. Then we asked another old man. He lived here about ten years, but he did not know more about the country than you do. Then Father went to another man, and he did not know anything about it either. I stopped over an hour before Father came back again. He met an old woman, and she showed him the road three miles further. So we went on again, and then we came to a Canadian farmer, and he told us the road two miles further. Then we asked another man, and he went along with us. We had one and a half miles to go, and then he told me to drive over a ponhole (pond hole), and I got stuck with the load. We had to take nearly everything off before I could get out again. The horses were both lying in the water. I had to hedge them off (unhitch them) before they could get up again. At last we got out and went....to the building place and took the load off. It was just about dark when we started to go home. We only went three miles, but we had a great job to get back. We had to go over the prairie, and we could see no road....We were pretty near lost....I walked ahead and Father drove after me....It was nine o'clock when we came back to the Canadian farmer, Smith, and we stopped overnight....

I have a pretty good farm. The people came over ten miles to cut hay on it last year. There was very heavy grass on it.... N.J. to you C.L."

In her introduction to The Nicholaus & Veronica Jantzi Family Record Book, Fannie (Jantzi) Gingerich gave the following account about their Minnesota experience:

"In the year of 1891 Nicholaus and Veronica (Lichti) Jantzi emigrated from eastern Ontario, Canada, to Nobles County, Minnesota with their family of six children: Simeon, Elizabeth, Menno, Daniel, Katie and Moses.

At this time there were no bridges across the St. Clair River nor a tunnel from Windsor to Detroit, as we have today. The passenger and freight trains were taken across the river on ferry boats.

Grandpa's Uncle Daniel and his family moved at the same time. They were the first Amish people that bought land in this community, which was all prairie.

It was twenty miles from a Mennonite settlement near Fulda. They stayed with these people until they had built a barn and granary. They lived in the granary while building a house. Lumber was hauled with horse and wagons from the nearest town, named Adrian, which was twelve miles away. Hay was used for fuel, which was twisted into bundles and carried into the house like firewood. Grandma had difficulty in keeping the oven hot the first time she baked bread.

<sup>4</sup>Christian B. Jantzi, son of Michael Jantzi and Maria Boshart.

## III. Veronica Lichti

A few times they were in danger of prairie fires coming close to their home. Then Grandpa plowed around the buildings to check the fire. This sometimes happened during the night.

A year or so later some more Amish people moved there from other areas. Then they had church services in their homes. They drove with horse and wagons, as they did not have buggies.

Five more children were born to them in Minnesota -- Nancy, Fannie, Rachel, Dora and Nicholas Jr. Grandpa and Grandma lived there eighteen years. During this time, a little town named Wilmont was built, a mile from their home."

From an article in Family Life, "The Amish in Nobles County, Minnesota," by David Luthy, we gather more details about the Amish community in Nobles County:

"The Canadian Amish had settled in Nobles County, Minnesota, in 1891, three years before the American Amish settled in neighboring Jackson County. But 1893 marked the beginning of church life in the Canadian settlement as that is when Bishop Joseph Gerber located there. A double ordination was held on Nov. 19 of that year with Jacob Gascho being ordained minister and Joseph B. S. Jantzi<sup>1</sup> as deacon. By the following spring there were 12 Canadian families living there.

The Nobles County congregation continued to grow during the next years, receiving settlers directly from Canada or from Nebraska where some Canadian Amish had settled in Holt County. Altogether 29 Amish families are known to have resided in the Nobles County settlement.

Gradually the settlers left Nobles County for Kansas, Nebraska, Indiana, Michigan and Ontario, Canada. By 1910 the last Amish had departed from Minnesota, bringing to an end what had once been a thriving Amish community.

The Minnesota scribe for the Sugarcreek, Ohio Budget reported: "...in Jan. 1902 Bishop Joseph Gerber and part of his congregation left with two R.R. car loads of household goods enroute to West Branch, Mich. Word was received here that they arrived at their destination O.K. All bought land in the vicinity of West Branch and could move in as soon as their household goods arrived. We wish them success and prosperity in their new home."

Following a trip to Nobles County by Fannie (Jantzi) Gingerich and other members of her family, the local newspaper<sup>2</sup> gave the following report:

"One of the little episodes of early Nobles County history is the fact that a colony of Old Order Amish people once lived in an area south-east of Wilmont.

<sup>1</sup>Joseph B.S. Jantzi was a brother to Nicholas' father, Christian B. Jantzi. This Joseph used the initials of his mother and stepmother (Boshart and Schweitzer).

<sup>2</sup>"Amish Family Stirs Memory of Early Days" by Lew Hudson in The Worthington Minnesota Globe, August 12, 1967.

Experiences of the small group were relived this week when one of the few members of the colony still living returned with her family for a visit with an old friend, Mrs. Barlow Thurber.

Mrs. Dan Gingerich (Fannie) was born in Nobles County Colony in 1895 and now makes her home at Kalona, Iowa. With her for the visit was her daughter, Nina, her son George and his wife and their daughter Cheryne, age 6. It has been 17 years since Mrs. Gingerich was last in Nobles County. She is a daughter of Nicholas and Veronica Jantzi. They were the first Amish family to move to the county. Their farm was one mile east and one-half mile south of Wilmont. Although at the time they came, in 1890, the community of Wilmont had not been founded.

The group did not believe in church buildings, preferring rather to conduct worship services in the homes of members. However, children were sent to the regular country school of the area.

The colony lasted for about 25 years. It didn't cease to exist all at once but gradually died out as members chose to sell their farms and move elsewhere. Mrs. Gingerich said the reason for leaving was probably the fact the families wanted to live where there were others of the same beliefs. Also a factor was the depressed farm economy of that period.

At any rate the colony finally ceased to exist. But 14 of its members were left behind. They were the persons who died during those years. They were buried in a tiny cemetery one mile east of Wilmont at the point where Highway 266 and Rushmore road intersect.

At the time the highway was built, all traces of the cemetery were obliterated. It had no grave-stones but it had been fenced. Graves were marked with wooden posts which in time disappeared, also. If it were not for Mrs. Gingerich, the cemetery would be completely forgotten. On her last visit 17 years ago, Mrs. Gingerich arranged for the erection of a small stone marker saying simply, 'Amish Cemetery.'

That marker is just a few feet outside the field fence at a point about 50 feet west of the Rushmore Road on the north side of HY. 266. Among those buried there is Mrs. Gingerich's grandmother, and one of the 11 children in the Jantzi family who died in infancy.<sup>3</sup>

The Amish also left behind some well-built farm houses, some of which are still in use today. The concern for the old days remains and a pilgrimage back to Nobles County and to the old cemetery east of Wilmont is still important. It was particularly pleasant for the family to renew acquaintances with friends of long ago."

In 1909, Veronica and Nicholas moved to West Branch, Michigan. Fannie (Kauffman) Eash continues the story on the next page. She also furnished most of the materials quoted above.

<sup>3</sup>Mrs. Gingerich's grandmother was Anna (Lichti) Jantzi, wife of Christian B. Jantzi, son of Michael Jantzi and Maria Boshart. The child was Nicholas Jantzi Jr.

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"My reflections will be of their home in West Branch. I remember hearing my mother saying, she and her brothers and sisters were unhappy about settling in West Branch, as they recalled the loneliness they had experienced when they pioneered in Minnesota. The young people were about all related and as they grew to adulthood most of the young people gradually left West Branch and went back to Ontario where they found their life companions.

In May of 1910 an ordination service was held with Grandfather (Nicholaus Jantzi) being ordained to the ministry. I can remember only a few instances of his preaching in my childhood years, but one of these recollections I will cherish the rest of my life, and that was hearing him preach about the love of God. In quoting Matt. 11:28-30 in German, I understood the words in verse 28, 'Ich will euch erquicken' ('I will give you rest') as 'Ich will dich drücken' ('I will hug you'). When I was quite small, Grandpa would take me up in his lap and hold me and say, 'Drück mich hart' ('Hug me tight'). This made me think that Jesus wanted to hug me tight too.

Church services must have been a very important part of their lives, as there was always a church service on Christmas Day. The second day of Christmas (Dec. 26) was a very special day for us children as we would all load up in the sleigh and go to our grandparents' house for the day. The Christmas goodies, the homemade rag dolls she made for us girls, were a real treat. The freshly-cut pine tree with its homemade decorations and the strings of popcorn -- how we would look forward to eating the popcorn off the strings after Christmas!

There was no other place like Grandpa and Grandma's with the fast-flowing artesian well, that flowed through a pipe into a homemade trough to the water tank for the animals. The water was so cold that the butter was kept hard in the summer time in a box where the water ran through, just like an ice box. I loved to gather the eggs from their unique chicken house. It had four rooms in it -- a feeding room, a roosting room, a laying room and a brooding room. After the chicks were hatched they would be put in small chicken coops scattered in the orchard and back yard. On a number of occasions I had the privilege of helping Grandma with the chores after Grandpa was unable to do too much. After they could no longer do the farming, they had sale. They lived with us for several months before moving back to Ontario. How we missed our grandparents!

Writing this has brought back many memories -- too many to write them all down!"

Nina Gingerich also reported on their extended stay (about one year) in Iowa with daughters Fannie and Nancy, helping when both families had new babies: "I know they were nice to have around like all Grandmas and Grandpas are to little children with little surprises of candy sticks or peppermints. I often wish I could remember more about them, but since we lived so far apart, we didn't see them often."

Nicholaus and Veronica returned to Canada where most of their children were then living. They died only five weeks apart -- Nicholaus on December 5, 1934 and Veronica on January 16, 1935. They are buried in the Poole (West) Amish Mennonite cemetery.

***In Loving Memory.***

<p style="text-align: center;">MOTHER FRONICA JANTZI Born June 16, 1862 Died January 18, 1935 Age 72 Yrs., 7 Mos., 2 Days</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FATHER NICHOLAUS JANTZI Born February 14, 1858 Died December 5, 1934 Age 76 Yrs., 9 Mos., 21 Days</p>
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We have lost our darling mother,  
She has bid us all adieu,  
She has gone to live in Heaven,  
And her form is lost to view.  
Oh, that dear one, how we loved her  
Oh, how hard to give her up!  
But an angel came down for her  
And removed her from our flock.

We miss thee from our home, dear father  
We miss thee from thy place,  
A shadow o'er our life is cast,  
We miss the sunshine of thy face.  
We miss thy kind and willing hand,  
Thy fond and earnest care,  
Our home is dark without thee—  
We miss thee everywhere.

A copy of the Veronica (Fronica) and Nicholaus (Nichlaus) Jantzi death card. The died about six weeks apart.

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
III. Veronica Lichti m. Feb 3, 1880 in Wellesley Twp. to Nicholaus Jantzi (farmer)(ord. minister May, 1910) son of Amish Mennonite Christian & Anna (Lichti) Jantzi Wellesley, Ont.; Wilmont, Minn.; West Branch, Mich.	Jun 16, 1862 Wellesley Twp. Feb 14, 1858	Jan 16, 1935 Poole A.M.Cem. Dec 5, 1934 Poole A.M.Cem.
A. Simeon Jantzi m. Mar 11, 1902 to Sarah Kropf	Jan 5, 1881 Apr 9, 1878	Apr 23, 1956 Jul 13, 1969
B. Elizabeth Jantzi m. Sept 25, 1910 to Peter Schmidt	Nov 19, 1882 Jan 30, 1887	Apr 23, 1951 Apr 22, 1938
C. Menno L. Jantzi m. Feb 23, 1909 to Susan Nafziger	Nov 10, 1884 Jan 9, 1887	Sept 2, 1953 Nov 12, 1948
D. Daniel L. Jantzi m. Jan 10, 1911 to Lydia Nafziger rm. Dec 6, 1945 to Susan Steckly	May 27, 1887 Oct 25, 1891 Aug 25, 1884	Feb 3, 1978 Mar 29, 1942 Oct 15, 1957
E. Katie Jantzi m. Mar 18, 1913 to David Kauffman	Feb 12, 1889 Apr 27, 1870	Apr 26, 1958 Mar 19, 1949
F. Moses L. Jantzi m. Feb 1916 to Anna Nafziger	Sep 17, 1890 June 6, 1896	Mar 13, 1970
G. Nancy Jantzi m. Nov 27, 1919 to David Bender	Apr 2, 1893 Mar 26, 1894	Jun 22, 1958 Dec 13, 1957
H. Fannie L. Jantzi m. Nov 27, 1919 to Daniel G. Gingerich	Jul 28, 1895 Aug 7, 1888	Jun 24, 1976 June 6, 1961
I. Rachel Jantzi m. Nov 18, 1920 to Moses Gerber	Feb 4, 1898 Apr 16, 1898	May 15, 1974 Jul 19, 1963
J. Dora Jantzi m. Jan 15, 1920 to Ezra Jantzi	Feb 7, 1901 May 26, 1896	Dec 5, 1967 Jan 1, 1970
K. Nicholaus Jantzi	Nov 26, 1907 Nobles Co.MN	Jan 28, 1908 Wilmont, MN
A. Simeon Jantzi (farmer) m. Mar 11, 1902 at West Branch, MI to Sarah Kropf, dau. of Solomon and Mary (Lichti) Kropf Amish Mennonite Minnesota, Michigan, and Ontario	Jan 5, 1881 Wellesley Twp. Apr 9, 1878 Poole, ON	Apr 23, 1956 Poole A.M.Cem. Jul 13, 1969 Poole A.M.Cem.
1. Nicholaus K. Jantzi (carpenter) m. Nov 26, 1925 at West Branch, MI to Mary Jantzi, dau. of Solomon and Mary (Gerber) Jantzi Amish Mennonite Brunner, Ont.	Aug 17, 1903 Wilmont, MN Jul 10, 1905 West Branch,MI	Oct 13, 1977 Poole A.M.Cem.
a. Laverne J. Jantzi (farmer) m. Sept 13, 1951 at Poole, ON to Ruth Veronica Jantzi, dau. of John and Barbara Amish Mennonite (Gerber) Jantzi Gads Hill, Ont.	Jun 27, 1930 Ellice Twp. Jul 13, 1927 Wilnot Twp.	
(1) Glen Dale Jantzi (banker-MCU)(ord. min. Nov 28,1982) m. June 27, 1981 at Millbank, ON to Eleanor Kuepfer (nurse) dau. of Levi S. and Katie Mennonite, Mapleview (Jantzi) Kuepfer 36 Kesselring Dr., Kitchener, Ont.	Mar 31, 1953 Ellice Twp. Jun 27, 1956	
(2) Myron Clare Jantzi (carpenter) m. Sept 15, 1979 at Millbank, ON to Mary Elizabeth Brenneman, dau. of Kenneth and Emmaline (Nafziger) Brenneman Conservative Mennonite Brunner, Ont. NOK ICO	Nov 1, 1956 Stratford,ON Apr 16, 1960 Millbank, ON	
(3) Larry Laverne Jantzi (bookkeeper)	Oct 6, 1958 Ellice Twp.	

## CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

BORN

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## III. Veronica Lichti

## A. Simeon Jantzi

1. Nicholaus K. Jantzi
- a. Laverne J. Jantzi

(4) Ruth Anne Mary Jantzi

Sep 12, 1966  
Stratford, ON

- b. Ivan Jantzi (farmer)

m. Jun 12, 1958 at Cedar Grove A.M. Church to  
Marie Susan Gerber, dau. of Emanuel and Elizabeth  
Mapleview Mennonite (Steckly) Gerber  
R.l, Brunner, Ont. NOK LCO

Sep 22, 1934  
Ellice Twp.  
Aug 14, 1936  
Wellesley Twp.

(1) Ross David Jantzi

July 4, 1960  
Stratford, ON

(2) Lyle James Jantzi

Sep 10, 1962  
Stratford, ON

(3) Maryann Elizabeth Jantzi

Sep 17, 1968  
Stratford, ON

(4) Susan Marie Jantzi

Apr 15, 1974  
Stratford, ON

2. Infant Son

May 22, 1907 May 22, 1907  
West Branch,MI West Branch,MI

3. Clara Jantzi

m. Jan 12, 1934 at Poole, ON to  
Amos Gerber (farmer) son of Daniel and Rachel (Ropp) Gerber  
Mennonite  
Hepworth, Ont. NOH LPO

Oct 2, 1911

Feb 11, 1911

- a. Kenneth Amos Gerber (construction)

m. Aug 2, 1963 to  
Lucille Kathryn Beatty, dau. of Harry and Matilda  
Mennonite Beatty  
222 Glendon, Stratford, Ont. N5A 5B7

Jun 27, 1935

May 6, 1943

(1) Kevin James Gerber

Sep 16, 1964

(2) Tracy Lynn Gerber

Feb 3, 1968

(3) Trudy Joy Gerber

Jan 6, 1970

- b. Franklin Gerber (farmer)

m. Nov 23, 1963 to  
Joan Susan Carter, dau. of John and Ruth Carter  
Mennonite

Sept 4, 1936

June 5, 1941

(1) Timothy Dale Gerber

Sep 28, 1965

(2) Deborah Ann Gerber

Mar 19, 1969

(3) Wendy May Gerber

July 7, 1971

- c. Doris Marie Gerber

m. Sept 5, 1959 at Poole, ON to  
Ralph Bast  
Mennonite  
5 Chickadee Crt., Elmira, Ont. N3B 1E8

Feb 14, 1938

Mar 16, 1938

(1) Dean Michael Bast

Jan 4, 1961

(2) Randell John Bast

Dec 29, 1961

- d. Sharon Ann Gerber

m. July 5, 1965 at Poole, ON to  
James Erven Lebold, son of Erven and Edna (Erb) Lebold  
Mennonite

May 21, 1946

June 2, 1945

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## III. Veronica Lichti

## A. Simeon Jantzi

## 3. Clara Jantzi

## d. Sharon Ann Gerber

(1) Kimberly Ann Lebold

Jun 11, 1969

## B. Elizabeth Jantzi

m. Sept 25, 1910 in Mornington Twp. to

Peter Schmidt (farmer) son of Jacob and Barbara (Boshart)

Amish Mennonite

Schmidt

R.1, Millbank, Ont.

Nov 19, 1882 Jun 10, 1952  
Wellesley Twp. Poole A.M.Cem.  
Jan 30, 1887 Apr 22, 1938  
MorningtonTwp. Poole A.M.Cem.

## 1. Laura Schmidt

m. Dec 14, 1939 in Mornington Twp. to

Lorne Lichty (carpenter, mail driver) son of John and Mary

Amish Mennonite

(Nafziger) Lichty

Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO

Aug 28, 1911  
Mornington Twp.  
Sept 1, 1916  
Wellesley Twp.

## a. Melvin John Lichty (administrator)

m. Oct 24, 1964 at Crosshill, ON to

Mary Marlene Gerber, dau. of Steve and Edna (Albrecht)

Mennonite

Gerber

57 William St., New Hamburg, Ont. NOB 2G0

Oct 21, 1940  
Poole, ON  
Dec 7, 1943  
Elma Twp.

(1) Timothy Dean Lichty

Aug 13, 1967  
Stratford, ON

(2) Jeffery Duane Lichty

Sep 22, 1968  
Stratford, ON

(3) Infant Daughter

Aug 31, 1971 Stillborn  
Stratford, ON Avondale Cem.

(4) Jeremy Dwight Lichty

Dec 21, 1972  
Stratford, ON

## b. Delmer Lichty (farmer)

m. Sept 5, 1964 at Millbank, ON to

Doris Elaine Roth, dau. of Clarence and Alma (Leis) Roth

Mennonite

R.1, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO

Apr 27, 1942  
Millbank, ON  
Oct 2, 1945  
Newton, ON

(1) Rhonda Diane Lichty

Aug 22, 1967  
Kitchener, ON

(2) Teresa Ann Lichty

May 30, 1969  
Kitchener, ON

(3) Heather Jane Lichty

Aug 9, 1973  
Kitchener, ON

(4) Dale Edward Lichty

Apr 5, 1977  
Kitchener, ON

## c. Laverne Lichty

m. June 5, 1965 at Millbank, Ont. to

Rosanna Kuepfer, dau. of Andrew and Elizabeth

Mennonite

(Streicher) Kuepfer

47 Radcliffe Dr., Kitchener, Ont. N2E 2G3

Jul 20, 1943  
Wellesley Twp.  
Nov 20, 1942  
Mornington Twp.

(1) Daryl Laverne Lichty

Jan 22, 1966  
Kitchener, ON

(2) Dwayne Robert Lichty

Nov 10, 1969  
Kitchener, ON

## d. Raymond Lichty (accountant-Ontario Motor League)

m. June 11, 1966 at Kitchener, ON to

Dorothy Cressman, dau. of Clare and Mary (Brubacher)

Mennonite

Cressman

Kitchener, Ont.

Dorothy m. Sept 4, 1970 to Wayne Lichti (farmer)

Wayne's children to a previous marriage are

Christine, Juanita, and Randall

R.1, Atwood, Ont. NOG 1B0

Dec 20, 1944 Mar 7, 1970  
Wellesley, ON First Menn.  
Mar 13, 1942 Kitchener, ON  
Kitchener, ON

(1) Christine Louise Lichti

Aug 26, 1963  
Stratford, ON

(2) Juanita Eileen Lichti

Feb 14, 1965  
Stratford, ON

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

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III. Veronica Lichti

B. Elizabeth Jantzi

1. Laura Schmidt

d. Raymond Lichty

(3) Roger Darren Lichti

Oct 12, 1967  
Kitchener, ON

(4) Randall Wayne Lichti

Jan 19, 1968  
Listowel, ON

(5) Tania Joy Lichti

Sept 9, 1969  
Kitchener, ON

(6) Charmaine Janelle Lichti

Apr 23, 1975  
Listowel, ON

e. Ivan Peter Lichty (farm manager)

m. July 15, 1967 at Millbank, ON to

Malinda Kuepfer, dau. of Andrew and Elizabeth  
Mennonite (Streicher) Kuepfer

R.1, Hanover, Ont. N4N 3B8

Jun 30, 1946  
Wellesley Twp.  
Dec 31, 1944  
Morningson Twp.

(1) Jennifer Joy Lichty

Jan 27, 1971  
Kitchener, ON

(2) Julie Ann Lichty

Oct 5, 1976  
Kitchener, ON

f. Florence Elizabeth Lichty

m. Dec 19, 1970 at Millbank, ON to

Murray Royal Bast (farmer, Bio-Ag Consultants & Distrib.)  
son of Aaron and Nancy (Roth) Bast

Riverdale Mennonite

R.3, Wellesley, Ont. NOB 2T0

Jun 21, 1947  
Wellesley Twp.  
Feb 21, 1947  
Kitchener, ON

(1) Parry Lee Bast

May 19, 1974  
Kitchener, ON

(2) Lindsay Rae Bast

Jan 10, 1977  
Kitchener, ON

2. Nicholas J. Schmidt (farmer, implement dealer)

m. Jan 24, 1935 at Wellesley, ON to

Emma Gerber, dau. of Solomon and Laura (Leis) Gerber  
Mennonite

Milverton, Ont. NOK 1M0

Apr 2, 1913  
Morningson Twp.  
Aug 11, 1909

a. Ruth Elizabeth Schmidt

m. May 11, 1957 at Poole ON to

Glendon John Kuepfer (stock sales) son of Nicholas and  
Mennonite Elizabeth (Bender) Kuepfer

R.1, St. Clements, Ont.

Jun 15, 1936  
Milverton, ON  
Dec 1, 1934  
Perth Co.

(1) Patricia Louise Kuepfer

m. Aug 11, 1979 at Poole, ON to

Michael Johnston (Ontario Hydro employee) son of  
son of Hector and Jean (Barker) Johnston

Missionary Church

Box 556, Port Elgin, Ont.

Dec 19, 1959  
Kitchener, ON  
Apr 11, 1957  
St. Thomas, ON

(a) Christopher Ryan Johnston

May 13, 1982  
Owen Sound, ON

(2) Robert John Kuepfer

Jul 15, 1963  
Kitchener, ON

(3) Kelly Lynn Kuepfer

Oct 29, 1968  
Guelph, ON

b. Mary Ann Schmidt

m. May 28, 1960 in East Zorra Twp. to

Bruce Claire Brenneman (farmer) son of Daniel and  
Mennonite Saloma (Erb) Brenneman

R.2, Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2R0

Apr 12, 1938  
Dec 1, 1934  
SEasthope Twp.

(1) Linda Lee Brenneman

Jul 19, 1961

(2) Bradley Ross Brenneman

Oct 11, 1962

(3) Karen Lynn Brenneman

Dec 9, 1966

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## III. Veronica Lichti

B. Elizabeth Jantzi

2. Nicholas J. Schmidt

b. Mary Ann Schmidt

(4) Darrel Bruce Brenneman Oct 13, 1968

c. Eva Irene Schmidt Jul 10, 1939

m. May 30, 1958 at Kitchener, ON to  
Donald Peter Schneider (farmer) son of Clarence and Mary  
Mennonite (Cook) Schneider Jun 17, 1935

R.2, Milverton, Ont. NOK LMO

(1) Steven Gerald Schneider Dec 21, 1958

m. Dec 8, 1978 to

Ann Adair Edmunds Aug 3, 1958

(2) Donna Lynn Schneider Dec 4, 1960

(3) Richard Donald Schneider Mar 1, 1963

(4) Ross David Schneider Apr 18, 1966

d. Norma Laurene Schmidt May 11, 1944

m. Dec 16, 1961 to Stratford, ON

Vernon Brenneman (farmer) son of Ezra and Emma (Gerber)  
Mennonite, Crosshill Brenneman Mar 3, 1942

R.1, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO Kitchener, ON

(1) Cheryl Jean Brenneman July 2, 1962  
Kitchener, ON(2) Bonnie Faye Brenneman Jul 22, 1963  
Kitchener, ON

(3) Rosalie Ann Brenneman July 4, 1968

(4) Richard Jay Vernon Brenneman Nov 27, 1973

e. Jean Marie Schmidt Nov 26, 1951

m. Oct 3, 1970 at Poole, ON to Stratford, ON

Lloyd Elroy Erb (farmer) son of Norman and Clara  
Mennonite (Yutzi) Erb Jul 10, 1945

R.2, Wellesley, Ont. NOB 2TO Kitchener, ON

(1) Lisa Sue Erb Mar 9, 1971  
Kitchener, ON(2) Wendy Yvonne Erb Dec 13, 1973  
Kitchener, ON(3) Michael Nicholas Erb Oct 22, 1978  
Kitchener, ON

3. Elmer Schmidt (farmer) Sept 3, 1915

m. Mar 25, 1943 to Mornington Twp.

Anna Lebold, dau. of Joseph and Barbara (Boshart) Lebold July 8, 1921

Amish Mennonite

Millbank, Ont.

a. Barbara Ann Schmidt Nov 7, 1946

m. May 13, 1967 at Poole, ON to Stratford, ON

Roy Kuepfer (farmer) son of Allan S. and Clara (Gerber)  
Amish Mennonite Kuepfer Mar 16, 1940

R.1, Newton, Ont. NOK LRO Mornington Twp.

(1) Arnold Roy Kuepfer Mar 15, 1968

(2) Carolyn Donna Kuepfer Kitchener, ON

(3) Judith Ann Kuepfer Jun 11, 1970

(4) Dirk Daniel Kuepfer Kitchener, ON

(5) Sheila Rose Kuepfer Jul 12, 1971

(See page 409 for 3 youngest children) Kitchener, ON

Oct 16, 1973

Listowel, ON

Feb 9, 1975

Listowel, ON

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

BORN

DIED

III. Veronica Lichti

B. Elizabeth Jantzi

4. Lorne Schmidt (farmer)(ord. minister in 1968) Jan 16, 1918  
 m. Sept 14, 1944 in Mornington Twp. to Mornington Twp.  
 Maryann Spenler, dau. of Peter and Mattie (Zehr) Spenler Apr 22, 1920  
 Amish Mennonite Mornington Twp.  
 R.1, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO
- a. Anna Mae Schmidt June 7, 1945  
 m. May 14, 1966 at Poole, ON to Millbank, ON  
 Ivan Christian Kuepfer (farmer) son of Benjamin and Jun 27, 1941  
 Amish Mennonite Marion (Gerber) Kuepfer Millbank, ON  
 R.1, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO
- (1) Brian Christian Kuepfer Mar 6, 1967  
 Kitchener, ON
- (2) Ross Dale Kuepfer Apr 12, 1968  
 Kitchener, ON
- (3) Wayne Stephen Kuepfer Apr 30, 1971  
 Kitchener, ON
- (4) Sanford John Lee Kuepfer May 22, 1975  
 Kitchener, ON
- (5) Sheryl Marie Kuepfer Jul 21, 1976  
 Kitchener, ON
- (6) Sandra Delores Kuepfer Oct 25, 1977  
 Kitchener, ON
- (7) Rosalyn Joy Kuepfer Dec 15, 1979  
 Kitchener, ON
- b. Ralph Peter Schmidt (farmer) July 5, 1946  
 m. Sept 14, 1968 at Wellesley, ON to Mornington Twp.  
 Kathryn Elaine Steckly, dau. of Ezra and Katie (Gerber) Aug 22, 1948  
 Fairhaven Amish Mennonite Steckly Wellesley, ON  
 R.1, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO
- (1) Peter Jason Schmidt Dec 28, 1970  
 Kitchener, ON
- (2) Janette Sharon Schmidt Nov 3, 1972  
 Kitchener, ON
- (3) Timothy Ralph Schmidt Nov 5, 1976  
 Kitchener, ON
- c. Reta Madeline Schmidt Jan 28, 1948  
 m. June 17, 1967 in Mornington Twp. to Mornington Twp.  
 Kenneth Edward Steckly (farmer) son of Ezra and Katie Jul 29, 1947  
 Fairhaven Amish Mennonite (Gerber) Steckly  
 R.1, Athens, Ont. KOE LBO
- (1) Brenda Marie Steckly May 10, 1968  
 Kitchener, ON
- (2) Paul Edward Steckly June 4, 1969  
 Kitchener, ON
- (3) Mary Kathryn Steckly Apr 28, 1971  
 Kitchener, ON
- (4) Mark David Steckly May 23, 1973  
 Kitchener, ON
- (5) Peter Steckly Oct 23, 1978  
 Kitchener, ON
- d. Ronald John Schmidt (farmer) May 28, 1953  
 m. Apr 26, 1975 in Wellesley Twp. to  
 Elizabeth Ann Jantzi, dau. of Norman and Laurene (Zehr) Dec 21, 1953  
 Amish Mennonite Jantzi  
 R.1, Brunner, Ont. NOK LCO
- (1) Martha Ann Schmidt Mar 15, 1976  
 Kitchener, ON
- (2) Susan Laurene Schmidt Nov 7, 1977  
 Kitchener, ON
- (3) Sheila Elizabeth Schmidt May 7, 1981  
 Kitchener, ON

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH B. LICHTI FAMILY

BORN

DIED

III. Veronica Lichti

B. Elizabeth Jantzi

4. Lorne Schmidt

e. Lloyd Jacob Schmidt (farm laborer) July 5, 1956  
 m. Sept 2, 1978 in Wellesley Twp. to Mornington Twp.  
 Sharon Laurene Jantzi, dau. of Norman and Laurene Mar 26, 1957  
 Amish Mennonite (Zehr) Jantzi Stratford, ON  
 R.l, Gadshill, Ont. NOK LJO

f. Sharon Maryann Schmidt Oct 8, 1957  
 Stratford, ON

g. David Lorne Schmidt Feb 8, 1961  
 (for marriage, see page 409) Stratford, ON

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5. Emma Schmidt

m. Nov 21, 1940 in Mornington Twp. to Jun 17, 1919 Oct 24, 1979  
 Cornelius Erb (farmer) son of Daniel and Nancy (Gerber) Erb Mornington Twp. Poole A.M. Cem.  
 Apr 7, 1913  
 Cornelius rm. in 1981 to Katherine Zehr  
 Amish Mennonite  
 Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO

a. Shirley Ann Erb Mar 6, 1943  
 m. July 9, 1966 at Poole, ON to  
 Joseph Gerber, son of Noah and Fannie (Jantzi) Gerber Oct 5, 1941  
 Amish Mennonite  
 R.l, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO

(1) Keith Daniel Gerber Jan 25, 1968

(2) Karen Beth Gerber June 4, 1969

(3) Infant Son June 4, 1969 Stillborn

(4) David Paul Gerber Jul 22, 1970

(5) Darlene Jeanette Gerber Mar 6, 1975

(6) Rosalie Gerber Jun 26, 1976

(7) Jun 14, 1979

b. Wayne Daniel Erb (farmer) Jan 27, 1950

m. July 24, 1971 at Wellesley, ON to  
 Shirley Ann Wagler, dau. of Allan and Emma (Zehr) Wagler Jun 18, 1950  
 Fairhaven Amish Mennonite  
 R.l, Milverton, Ont. NOK LMO

(1) Gary Duane Erb May 7, 1975  
 (twins) (adopted)

(2) Gloria Diane Erb May 7, 1975

(3) Ruthann Erb (adopted) Jan 26, 1979

c. Nina Mae Erb

m. June 10, 1978 at Fairhaven A.M. Church to Jun 10, 1956  
 Marvin Gerald Jantzi (farmer) son of Mahlon and Sadie Listowel, ON  
 Amish Mennonite (Gascho) Jantzi Nov 9, 1955  
 R.l, Wellesley, Ont. NOB ZTO Kitchener, ON

(1) Derek Marvin Jantzi Jun 12, 1979  
 Kitchener, ON

(2) Darcy Matthew Jantzi Jun 26, 1981  
 Kitchener, ON

6. Fannie Schmidt

m. Dec 16, 1943 in Mornington Twp. to Jul 26, 1922  
 Jacob Lebold (farmer) son of Joseph and Barbara (Boshart) Mornington Twp.  
 Amish Mennonite Lebold Feb 11, 1917  
 R.l, Millbank, Ont. NOK LLO Wellesley Twp.

a. Kenneth Elmer Lebold (mechanic) Sept 7, 1946  
 m. Apr 7, 1973 at Milverton Conservative Menn. Church to Wellesley Twp.  
 Mary Martin, dau. of Joseph and Lydia (Bauman) Martin Mar 18, 1951  
 Conservative Mennonite Peel Twp.  
 R.2, Kenabeek, Ont. POJ LMO

CATHERINE JANTZI AND JOSEPH P. LICHTI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
III. Veronica Lichti		
B. Elizabeth Jantzi		
6. Fannie Schmidt		
a. Kenneth Elmer Lebold		
(1) Mark Dale Lebold	Apr 21, 1974	
	Listowel, ON	
(2) Delores Ann Lebold	Sep 17, 1976	
	Listowel, ON	
(3) Matthew Jay Lebold	May 13, 1980	
	Englehart, ON	
b. Wanda Elizabeth Lebold	Sept 8, 1953	
m. Aug 2, 1975 at Cedar Grove A.M. Church to	Stratford, ON	
Mervin Wagler (farmer) son of Allan and Emma (Zehr)	May 24, 1954	
Amish Mennonite	Kitchener, ON	
R.1, Wellesley, Ont. NOB ZTO	Wagler	
(1) Bernice Joyce Wagler	Jul 7, 1976	
	Kitchener, ON	
(2) Karen Marie Wagler	Oct 13, 1977	
	Kitchener, ON	
(3) Mary Beth Wagler	Jun 14, 1979	
	Kitchener, ON	
(4) Donna Lynn Wagler	Oct 18, 1980	
	Kitchener, ON	
c. Wayne John Lebold (farmer)	Sept 8, 1953	
m. Oct 6, 1973 at Wellesley, ON to	Stratford, ON	
Shirley Ann Wagler, dau. of Solomon and Lavina (Kuepfer)	Dec 1, 1952	
Fairhaven Amish Mennonite	Newton, ON	
R.1, Millbank, Ont. NOK ILO	Wagler	
(1) Rodney Wayne Lebold	Jun 21, 1974	
	Listowel, ON	
(2) Norma Lynn Lebold	Dec 15, 1975	
	Listowel, ON	
(3) Philip John Lebold	Aug 10, 1977	
	Listowel, ON	
d. Floyd Joseph Lebold (farmer)	Jul 24, 1960	
m. June 12, 1982 at Cedar Grove A.M. Church to	Listowel, ON	
Kathryn Joy Jantzi, dau. of Melvin and Norma (Kuepfer)	Dec 5, 1960	
Amish Mennonite	Kitchener, ON	
	Jantzi	
C. Menno L. Jantzi	Nov 10, 1884	Sept 2, 1953
m. Feb 23, 1909 in Mornington Twp. to	Wellesley Twp. Poole A.M.Cem.	
Susan Nafziger, dau. of Samuel and Fannie (Steinman) Nafziger	Jan 9, 1887	Nov 12, 1948
Amish Mennonite		Mornington Twp. Poole A.M.Cem.
R.1, Brunner, Ont.		
1. Samuel Jantzi	Apr 29, 1911	
m. Jan 23, 1936 to	Mornington Twp.	
Katie Gerber, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Wagler) Gerber	Mar 13, 1909	
Amish Mennonite		
Millbank, Ont. NOK ILO		
a. Ervin Jantzi	Aug 31, 1937	Aug 20, 1971
m. Sept 2, 1961 at St. Agatha, ON to	Wellesley Twp. Mapleview Menn.	
Jean Jantzi, dau. of Joel and Irene (Boshart) Jantzi	Mar 1, 1940	Cem.
Mennonite	Wilmot Twp.	
R.R.1, Millbank, Ont.		
Jean m. March 10, 1972 to Franklin Erb and		
they reside at R.2, Wellesley, Ont.		
The children were adopted by Franklin.		
(1) Mary Jane Erb	Jun 29, 1962	
m. June 27, 1981 at Mapleview Mennonite Church to	Kitchener, ON	
Glenn Nafziger		
Mennonite		
Brunner, Ont. NOK ILO		