

FRANTZ. The Frantz family is supposed to be of German extraction, and the earliest known ancestors of the branch here under consideration were residents of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Frantz, the first of the name of whom there is record, lived in Lebanon county, and was there killed by the Indians. He was the great-grandfather of Jacob Frantz, of Rossmoyne, Indiana county.

Daniel Frantz, son of Henry Frantz, was born in Lebanon county, and there grew to manhood, learning the trade of miller. He came to what was then a portion of Union county, Pa., married Catherine Shafer, and settled down about ten miles north of Selinsgrove, now included in Snyder county. There he followed his trade of miller for years, and also worked as a millwright. Later he moved to Jefferson county, locating at Mahoning Creek, where he operated the old Bell mill for some years and spent the remainder of his useful life. His remains were laid to rest in Paradise cemetery, in Jefferson county, and his wife lies by his side. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. They were earnest Christian people, who worked hard and tried to do their duty as they saw it. Their children were: Henry, who died in Snyder county; Eve, who married John Armstrong, and died in Clearfield county; John, mentioned at length below; Daniel, who died in Jefferson county; Joseph, who died in Clearfield county; and George, who died in Jefferson county.

John Frantz, son of Daniel Frantz and father of Jacob Frantz, was born near Selinsgrove, Pa., in 1803. Growing to manhood there, he received what education the local of "Pennsylvania Dutch" school afforded. From early boyhood he worked hard in the flourmill, learning all the details of the business from the bottom up, and so was well fitted for milling when he was able to embark in that line for himself. His first property was known as the Mount Pleasant Mills. In 1848 he moved with his family to Jefferson county, at the Douthers, near Bank creek, and engaged in farming for a period, but later resumed milling operations at Sportsburg, Pa., where he conducted a mill for some time. Still later he moved to Indiana county, taking charge of the Samuel Good mill, in West Mahoning township. After a year, however, he went to Armstrong county and conducted a flourmill in Cowanshannock township, for a year, leaving that location for Valley township. In the latter locality he found employment for his skill in operating the John Sechrist mill for four years, and from there went to Red Bank township and conducted a mill at Eddyville for two years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Cowanshannock township, and for a period resided with his son Jacob, but his last two months were spent at the home of his son Israel, at Sump Creek, in Henderson township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he died in 1874, he was buried in a cemetery at Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa. From the formation of the Republican party he gave its principles and candidates his hearty and effective support. Early in life he was a Presbyterian, but later was received into the communion of the Catholic Church, in which faith he died.

John Frantz was married in what was at that time a part of Union (now Snyder) county to Mary Steffey, who was born in Union county. Mrs. Frantz was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of this marriage were: Amos, who died in young manhood in Jefferson county; Eli, who

died in Jefferson county; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Boyer, and died in Union county; Susannah, who married James McCracken, and died in Clearfield county; Mary, who died young; John, who was a soldier during the Civil war, and died in Clearfield county; Daniel, who died in Colorado; and Jacob, who survives.

After the death of his first wife John Frantz married (second) Rachel Hefley, of Union county, and they had one daughter, Catherine, who married Thomas Collins, of Butler county, and died in Clearfield township. Mrs. Rachel Frantz died in Butler county at the home of her daughter, and was buried in Clearfield township, that county. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church.