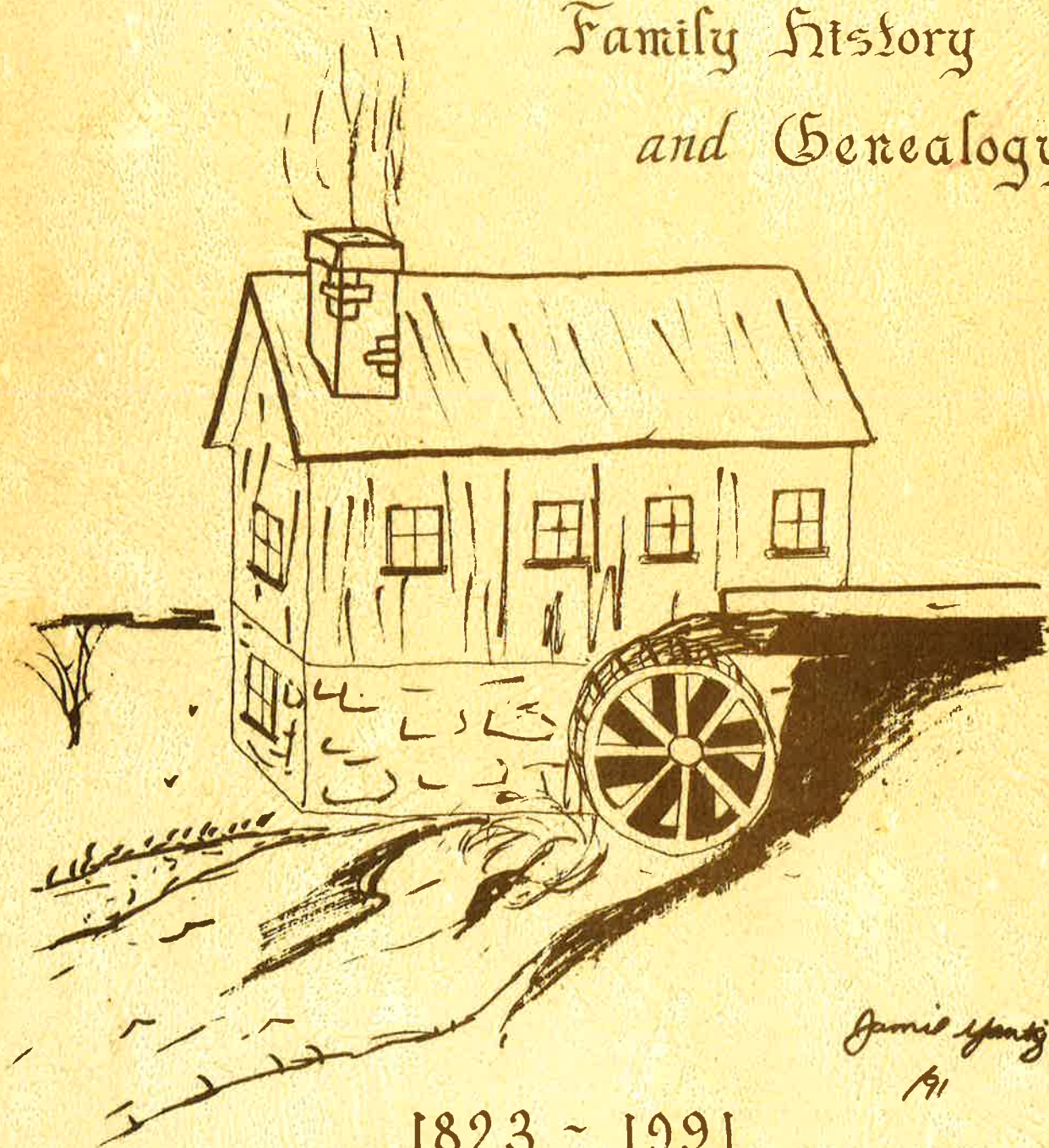


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OF
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INTRODUCTION

When we did the previous genealogy on the Schlegels, we were hoping someone else would take it upon themselves to produce such a work, but waited in vain. In the present genealogy a few starts were made but always abandoned; so here we are again doing a history on the Yantzis, though not born historians.

Our children, Eunice and Mark, and Fred Lichti had done some interviewing with several older people who have since passed on. Fred's notes taken at the time of his interview with Barbara (Schwartzentruber) Leis were particularly helpful. With all the help from many who are part of the Yantzi family and the very efficient work, time, and extra effort Lorraine has put into it, our part was not all that difficult. To say that all this is greatly appreciated is an understatement. It is hard to express in words the deep gratitude we feel for the splendid cooperation and ready assistance we experienced from so many of you.

We would wish we could also express our feeling of gratitude and appreciation to our ancestors for their courage to leave friends, relatives, and home to venture into the new land and the great heritage

they left us. They endured hardships and privations, because they treasured freedom of conscience, freedom of worship, and freedom from the military as high priorities among their values. May we not take these blessings for granted, and forget the cost. It may be by God's design that we live in one of the best countries in the world, and I believe He wants us to enjoy His blessings. But with great blessings, also come greater responsibilities and greater obligations. May we not use these blessings for selfish ends but as a means to reach out to others. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (adapted from Eph. 2:10) May our lights shine and God be glorified through our work, and may we be an asset to the one's whose name we bear.

"Only one life; 'twill soon be past; only what is done for Christ will last." It has been said that our hearts have room for only one embracing devotion, and we can cleave only to one Lord. Every competition to that devotion must be repudiated and rejected.

Henry Yantzi

FAMILY STATISTICS

A quick count of the descendants of Michael B. and Jacobena (Kennel) Yantzi gives us the following figures:

1st generation -----	8	(children of Michael and Jacobena)
2nd generation -----	39	
3rd generation -----	133	
4th generation -----	464	
5th generation -----	776	(still growing)
6th generation -----	271	(these generations
7th generation -----	22	are just beginning)
Spouses -----	702	(for all generations)

Total -- 2415 (less 50 duplicates) = 2335

Deaths reported ----- 229 (duplicates not noted)

The duplicates are due to intermarriage. Step-children have been listed where reported, but in many cases subsequent generations were not included in the material submitted. All such persons listed are included in the count as well as in the index.

CREDITS

The cover design was drawn by James Yantzi. The lettering on the cover and on the pages between the sections was done by Marietta Wagler. Photographs were supplied by many family members. Only those submitted by non family are noted with the respective photographs.

GUIDE TO THE USE OF THIS BOOK

In the first part of this book you will find a general introduction to the Jantzi/Yantzi family as well as an introduction to Michael B. and Jacobena (Kennel) Yantzi. This is followed by an introduction and genealogy of each of their children. Photographs and photocopies of other materials will be reproduced for the older generations.

After the family genealogies, you will find a number of family lists -- the ancestors and extended family of Michael B. Yantzi, the Kennel family and the Ruby family. Some additional stories and information of interest will also be found here. We have called this section the "Appendix."

Coloured blank sheets separating the sections and an alphabetical index at the end of the book should help you to find your way around.

No elaborate numbering system is used. The children of Michael and Jacobena are considered to be the first generation and their names appear as headings on each page of their respective genealogies. The numbers for the remaining generations are as follows: Generation 2 - I., II., III., etc.

" 3 - A., B., C., etc.
" 4 - 1., 2., 3., etc.
" 5 - a., b., c., etc.
" 6 - (1), (2), (3), etc.
" 7 - (a), (b), (c), etc.

The generation is also given after the name(s) each time the generation changes.

The information format is as follows:

	BORN	DIED
I. Direct descendant (gen. 2) (occupation)	date	date
m. date to name of spouse (occupation)	date	date
names of parents of spouse		(if applicable)
church affiliation		
current address (or residence when living)		

Children:

A. Direct descendant (gen. 3)
 (repeat as above)

Children:

1. Direct descendant (gen. 4)
 (repeat as above)

(repeat as needed for all succeeding generations)

For the first generation we have also included place of birth. Place of burial is given for all generations where that was known.

Where women have indicated an occupation other than housewife, we have included that. We did not include housewife/homemaker, not because we do not consider that to be a worthy occupation, but because we consider every woman to be a homemaker, and therefore it is not a distinguishing feature. In the future, if men and women begin to swap roles, we may need to indicate that. We did not use "retired" for an occupation, because that tells more about one's age than about one's occupation.

Persons filling out the family forms were invited to share quotations which reflect their values or guideline for living which they would like to pass on. These responses appear below the names of the persons who submitted them. Quotations appearing in other spaces were selected by Henry.

Lorraine Roth, editor

"There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval"
George Santayana

The Yantzis in Ontario and those descended from Michael B. Yantzi are related to and descended from those whose name is generally spelled Jantzi. The spelling Yancey is also found for one branch of the family in Lewis County, New York. While writing about the Jantzi family in general, we shall be using this spelling.

FAMILY ORIGINS

We have been able to trace this family back to Lorraine, France. The first documented Jantzi was Michael, born about 1719. He was also the oldest Jantzi we have found -- he died in 1822 at the age of 103. A member of the Jantzi family who toured Lorraine was given the name of Philip Jantzi as the original immigrant to this area, but we have not been able to find any references in writing beyond the aged Michael.

Since the family was Anabaptist (Mennonite), we assume they were of Swiss origin. While doing research in Europe in 1985, the author quizzed the French and Swiss Mennonites about the Jantzi name and found it to be unfamiliar to them. In a book of Swiss family names, the name Janzi (in that form) is found only in Boltigen, a town in the Canton of Bern.

It has been suggested that perhaps the name is derived from Shantz (Tschantz in its Swiss form). The Bulletin of the French Mennonite Historical Society, in its 1989 edition, reproduced a record of death of a Jean (John) Wagler whose wife's name was given as Elisabeth Jancy. The person transcribing the record interpreted her name as "Schantzin" (the female form of Schantz). Stranger things have happened to names down through the years. This theory certainly is a possibility.

The Swiss Anabaptists were severely persecuted in Switzerland, and between 1650 and 1850 many of them migrated to other parts of Europe and some directly to America. We have stories of other persons and families who left Switzerland during this period, but the Jantzi family does not appear among these stories. How and when they got to Lorraine is still a mystery.

THE JANTZIS IN LORRAINE

Michael Jantzi I*, born about 1719, died in 1822 on the Farm Belgrad. His wife's name was Barbara Gerber, and we know of two sons, Michael and Christian. From the records of births, marriages and deaths found in the departmental archives in Metz, we have been able to establish the Jantzi family network which covers all of the Jantzi immigrants to Ontario and Lewis County, New York. In fact, all of the Jantzis found in our research in this particular area of France are descendants of Michael I's two sons.

The oldest known son of Michael Jantzi I, Michael Jantzi II, was married to Barbara Neuhauser, and their family was centered around St. Avold, about 50 kilometers east of Metz. Besides St. Avold, various births, marriages and deaths took place in the surrounding villages of Hombourg Haut, Valmont and Macheren. A map of France, showing these places, is found on the next page. Michael II and Barbara had four known children, of whom their son Michael was the oldest.

Michael Jantzi III was married, first to Barbara Beller and second to Catherine Nafziger. Michael III and Barbara had three children, and the second one was named Michael, making him Michael IV. This is the one who married Jacobena Kennel and migrated to Canada. We will eventually call him Michael B. Yantzi. He and Jacobena are the ancestors of all those listed in this book.

Michael Jantzi IV was born in 1823 at Valmont and when he was married to Jacobena in 1847, the marriage record said he was a miller from Macheren. Other members of this extended Jantzi family were also millers. Some of the mills which they occupied were the Mill Oderfang at Macheren and the Pulvermill at Hombourg Haut. Michael IV's mother and grandparents died at the Pulvermill -- his mother in 1829 and his grandparents both in 1833.

Michael Jantzi I's second son Christian was married, first to Anne Farny, then to Catherine Spenler. They lived on the farm called Belgrad about 20 kilometers south of St. Avold. The town in which

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*Since there were several generations of Michael Jantzis, we will number them I, II, III, IV until we get to the immigrants to Canada where we will distinguish them by their initials. Michael Jantzi IV and Michael B. Yantzi are the same person.

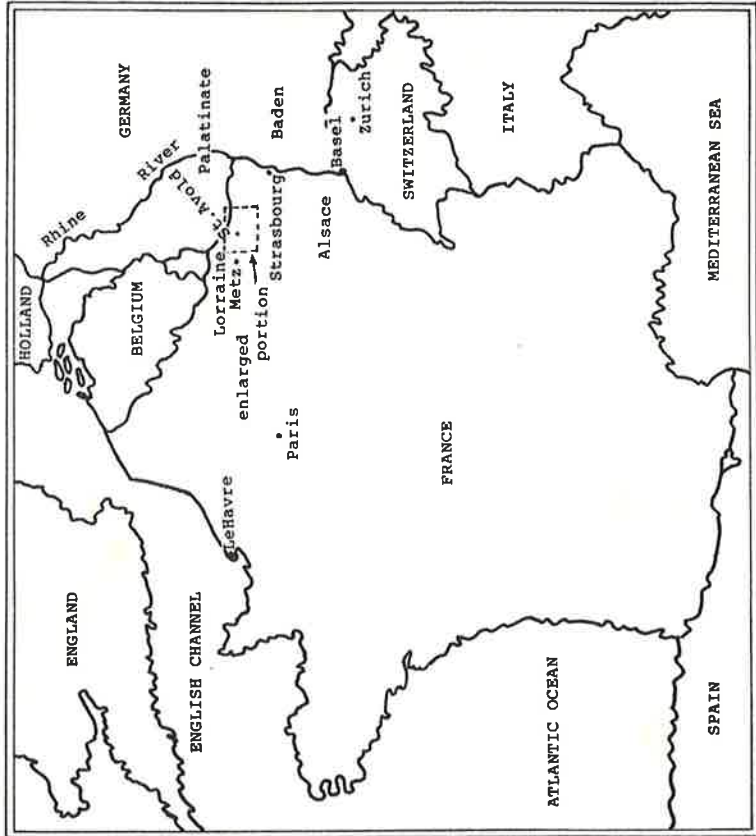
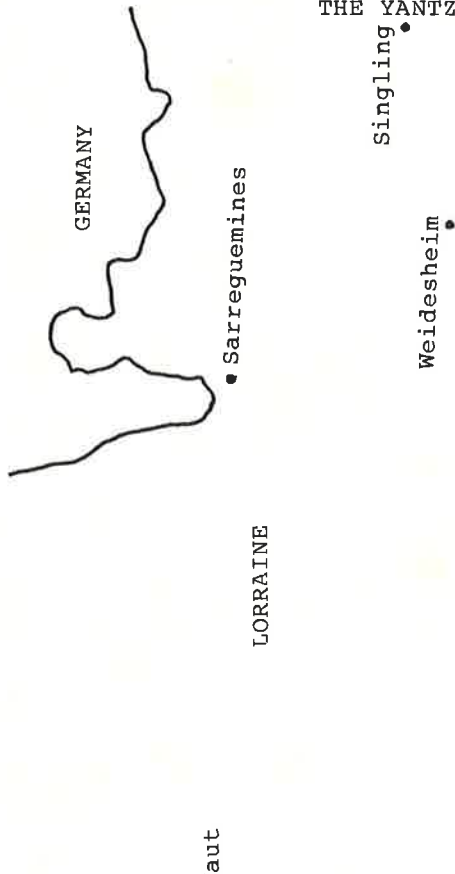
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PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF JANTZI AND KENNEL FAMILIES IN LORRAINE, FRANCE

- Farm Belgrad:
- Place of death and burial of Michael Jantzi I
- Residence of Christian Jantzi family
- Hombourg Haut (Pulvermill):
- Residence of Michael Jantzi II and Michael Jantzi III
- Valmont:
- Birthplace of Michael Jantzi IV (Michael B. Yantzi)
- Macheren (Mill Oderfang):
- Mill where Michael Jantzi IV was working at the time of his marriage to Jacobena Kennel
- Birthplace of Jacobena Kennel
- Hampont:
- Place of marriage of Michael Jantzi IV and Jacobena Kennel
- Birthplace of Michael K. Yantzi

Other places mentioned in family lists

- Pontpierre
- Farm Belgrad
- Pond of Bischwald
- Bistroff
- Haboudange
- Sotzeling
- Hampont



their family registrations took place was Bistroff. It was on the farm Belgrad that Michael Jantzi I died at age 103 in 1822. His death was registered at Bistroff by his son Christian and his friend Michael Salzman, farmer at the Mill Bischwald. Michael IV, who was born in 1823, missed his great-grandfather who died in 1822 by a year.

THE JANTZIS AND THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Although we do not know when the Jantzis arrived in France, it is certain they experienced the French Revolution and its aftermath. As isolated as they were, they may have escaped the worst of the terrorism itself, but the outcome of the Revolution affected them a great deal. The French got rid of their king (Louis XVI) and drafted a Constitution which was to free every citizen of their territories. "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" was the slogan. It all sounded very good, but the interpretation of the Constitution caused the Anabaptists a great deal of trouble.

In October of 1792 all cities, towns and villages were to declare a day of national celebration -- a "swearing in" of the Constitution. Every adult male was to appear and swear allegiance to the Constitution. Since the Anabaptists did not believe in swearing -- even oaths -- what did they do about this? It seems they usually were willing to "promise" allegiance, and in most places the local authorities found this acceptable. We do not know how Michael Jantzi and his two sons handled this situation, but they likely got around it somehow.

Along with the new Constitution came several changes. One of them was the loss of status of the Catholic Church. Up to this time the Church had officiated at the major life events, but now the State or "Law" was in charge. Births were registered in every city, town and village. Marriages were performed by the Registrar in the name of the "Law." Deaths were also registered with the Registrar. In some areas Anabaptists avoided these registrations for a time, but it seems the Jantzis complied very early. Today we reap the benefits, because the records are an invaluable source in our research.

One of the changes which caused the Anabaptists more trouble was universal military conscription. Before the Revolution, the Anabaptists had generally been granted exemptions. Now, however, everyone was equal and everyone

was free; so everyone was equally responsible to defend the State. In 1792 two Anabaptist ministers, Christian Guingrich and Nicolas Blanc, who served the Mennonites of Bistroff and the surrounding area petitioned the authorities, and the department ordered that the Anabaptists not be forced to take up arms, but that they should pay a special tax.

It is difficult to say how things would have worked out had the French Republic been left alone to work at it. However, an ambitious soldier by the name of Napoleon Bonaparte came on the scene, and he had military conquests in mind. It seems the French situation furnished Napoleon with an excuse for his military exploits and the citizens of France became his reservoir of soldiers.

The Anabaptists were constantly negotiating for military exemptions. With the Republic and with local officials they had been able to limit their involvement to paying a special tax or to serving as unarmed teamsters. Napoleon soon changed this when he organized the teamsters as a division of the army and armed them. Then the Anabaptists tried again. Two ministers from Lorraine, Christian Guengerich and Christian Engel, went to Paris in 1809 and tried to negotiate for exemption with Napoleon himself, but he flatly refused. Three more delegations went to Paris between 1809 and 1829 but to no avail. Although Napoleon was removed from France in 1815, military conscription remained. After the French Revolution all young men were subject to conscription. Men were not issued passports to leave the country if they had not completed their military service. Some slipped out without passports. Some served in the army and accepted the fact that this is the way things were going to be, but others gathered up their goods and families and set out for America. The trek continued during the entire nineteenth century with several Jantzi family groups arriving between 1830 and 1850.

THE JANTZI FAMILY COMES TO CANADA

The first Jantzis to arrive in Canada were Michael and Joseph, sons of Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny. Michael brought with him a certificate of his birth and certificates of the deaths of his parents. These have been preserved in the Archives of the Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. It is logical to carry a birth certificate, but why certificates of his parents'

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deaths? After doing research in the French records, the reason became quite clear. Following the French Revolution, there was marriage only by "Law." The local Registrar was the agent of the "Law." When a young man and woman wanted to marry, they had to present their birth certificates and have their parents' consent. If their parents were no longer living, they had to have proof of their death -- usually also in the form of certificates. When Michael came to Canada he had marriage in mind and came prepared with the necessary documents! In the Archives, these certificates are called "passports." Michael considered them "passports" to marriage, however, not to travel. Michael married Maria Boshart on August 31, 1834 and eventually the Boshart farm across from the St. Agatha Mennonite Church became theirs. Joseph Jantzi also married a Boshart girl, but he died at age 34 of smallpox.

Michael and Joseph Jantzi's brothers and sisters (except one sister) and Christian's second wife came in two different groups -- one in June of 1833 and the other in June, 1834. They all went to Lewis County, New York. A few years later the John Jantzi and Christian Kennel families came to Canada from New York and settled in the Amish Settlement south of Wellesley. Christian Kennel's wife was Magdalena Jantzi.

It was not until a generation later that some of Michael Jantzi II's descendants set out on the trek across the Atlantic. His daughter Barbara was married to Joseph Nafziger, and she and her family

came to Canada in about 1840, leaving again in about 1850 for Iowa. As far as we know, Barbara was the only immigrant in this generation.

Next we turn our attention to the family of Michael Jantzi III. Some of the descendants of Michael Jantzi IV maintained the tradition that the family landed in Halifax. Research in the passenger ship lists in Washington, D.C., however, has turned up a contingent of the Jantzi family which landed in New York. Michael IV, his wife Jacobena and little two-year-old Michael were among them. Because of misspellings and even incorrect names, it was at first difficult to interpret this family list. The two married men were called "Junz." The rest of the family was listed as "Naszeyer."

A letter from Charlan Graff from West Lafayette, Indiana, containing a list of the Jantzi family, prompted another look at the list. I had found other instances where widowed women gave their maiden names rather than their married names, and this turned out to be one of those times. All of the young people and children listed under their mother were called Nafzigers when actually they were Jantzis.

There was only one Nafziger on the list, and that was 19-year-old Samuel. The Nafziger and Jantzi families had also retained the tradition that Samuel had come to America with the Jantzi family and that he carried little Michael K. Jantzi around on the ship.

A transcription of the passenger list is given below with a corrected list beside it.:

Pierre Juntz, age 28, miller,
from Germany
Magdalena " , age 26
Barbara Naszeyer, 38
Joseph " 22
Barbara " 20
Catharine " 18
Magdalena " 14
Jacobea " 12
Susan " 10
Christiana " 8
Anna " 5
Maria " 3
Michel Juntz, 25
Jacobea " 27
Michel " 2
Samuel Naszyer, 19

Peter Jantzi, age 28, miller
from France
Magdalena " , age 26
Catherine (Nafziger) Jantzi, 38
Joseph Jantzi 22
Barbara " 20
Catharine " 18
Magdalena " 14
Jacobena " 12
Susan " 10
Christian " 8
Anna " 5
Maria " 3
Michael Jantzi, 27
Jacobena " 25
Michael " 2
Samuel Nafziger, 19

Peter, Joseph, Barbara and Michael Jantzi were children of Michael Jantzi III and his first wife Barbara Beller. The rest of the children, from Catherine to Maria, were children of Michael III and his second wife Catherine Nafziger. According to Charlan Graff, Michael III died in 1848. The widow and children left on the Ship Seme(?) from Le Havre, France, and landed in New York September 17, 1849. Son John is not on the ship list. Either he came at another time or he was missed. Peter, Michael IV and Joseph stayed in Canada while the rest of the family left for Peoria, Illinois in 1850.

Peter Jantzi was married to Magdalena Spenler, daughter of Peter Spenler and Barbara Jantzi. Barbara was a first cousin to Peter's father. Peter was listed in the 1851 census of Wilmot Township as a wagon maker. He and Magdalena had no surviving children. Peter died in 1854, and his widow married Christian Besinger.

Joseph "Jantze" was listed in the 1851 census of Waterloo Township as a labourer. He may have been working for the merchant Hartman Schnarr who had a store and tavern. There is no further record about Joseph.

Michael B. Jantzi (formerly referred to as Michael IV) was also listed in the above-mentioned census as a miller, with his wife Jacobina and son Michael, age 2. Their son John's birth and death at five weeks is also recorded in the census. Since Michael is called a miller, and since he is listed on the page following the the operators of the mills at present-day Bridgeport, we suppose that he was employed at one of the mills there. A more detailed story of Michael B. Jantzi (Yantzi) follows this introduction.

Some additional details on the other members of this Jantzi family will be found in the Jantzi family lists in the Appendix.

Notes:

Information concerning the experiences of the Mennonites in France are found in Les Assemblées Anabaptistes-Mennonites de France, by Jean Séguy. Paris: Mouton, c1977



The chest which contained the belongings of the Michael B. Yantzi family and a cup which they used on their voyage across the Atlantic in 1849 (preserved by the Barbara and Christian Leis family)

A friend is One
 To whom one may pour
 Out all the contents
 of One's Heart,
 Chaff and grain together
 Knowing that the
 Gentlest of hands
 Will take and sift it
 Keep what is worth keeping
 And with a breath of kindness
 Blow the rest away.
 An Arabian Proverb

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182 COUNTY OF PERTH GAZETTEER

RITTER & SHMITH, manufac- turers of tin, copper, and sheet iron ware, and dealers in stoves.	SEBRINGVILLE HOTEL, Paschal Pigeon, proprietor.
Scarth Avery, farmer.	SHMITH ERNEST, manufacturer of tin, copper, and sheet iron ware.
SEBRINGVILLE MILLS, (flouring and grist.)	The Lyon Hotel, Henry Scarth, pro- prietor.
SEBRING JOHN. gentleman.	Yeintzi Michael, miller.

SEBRINGVILLE

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F. L. MENNIG, Proprietor.

The 1863 Perth County Gazetteer which listed Michael "Yeintzi."

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Michael B. Jantzi (also referred to as Michael IV) was born on September 14, 1823 in Valmot, Lorraine, France. His parents were Michael Jantzi III and Barbara Beller. Michael B.'s mother died in 1829 at Hombourg Haut, and his father married again -- to Catherine Nafziger -- the following year.

In 1847 Michael B. was married to Jacobena Kennel, daughter of John Kennel and Elizabeth Saltzmann. They were married at Hampont where the Kennel family was living at the time. According to the marriage record, Michael was a miller at Macheren at the time of their marriage. The Jantzis, who were generally millers, seemed to have moved from one mill to another. We shall see that Michael B. continued in that tradition when he got to Canada.

Michael B. Jantzi, Jacobena and two-year-old Michael packed up, along with all of Michael's brothers and sisters and their mother, and set out for America in 1849. They travelled to Le Havre where they boarded a ship sailing for New York. No one remembers the stories of how they got from New York to Canada, nor when they arrived. According to Charlan Graff, the mother and most of her children continued on to Peoria, Illinois, in 1850.

Michael B., Peter and Joseph remained in Canada. We have already indicated that Peter died in 1854, leaving no children, and no further record of Joseph has been found after the census of 1851 in Waterloo Township.

It would seem that Michael B. found work in the mills at Bridgeport (then called Lancaster). We suppose that flour milling was Michael's specialty, and it was Elias Eby and Barnabas Devitt who operated the flour and grist mill at Bridgeport. Several other mills were found there, including carding and spinning, fulling, oil and saw mills.

Jacob Kropf had established a sawmill in what is now Baden, but there probably was no flour and grist mill until after the arrival of Jacob Beck. He bought Lot 15, South Snyders Road, in 1854. The settlement which had grown up in this area was then known as Weissenburg, after an old bachelor who lived there. Beck developed a mill on the site of the present mill. He is also credited with naming the village Baden. It is likely that Michael transferred to Baden also in 1854, because the document dealing with the estate of his deceased brother Peter, dated August 21, 1854, indicates Michael was from Wilmot. In the 1861

census the Jantzi family was living beside Jacob Beck, a good indication that he was employed with Beck.

From the census, one cannot establish the exact location of the residence of the Michael Jantzi family. In the column indicating the quantity of land, is written "1/4 (rented)." It may have been on Beck's property, but certainly was in the same neighbourhood. The family had one cow and two pigs, valued at \$20.00.

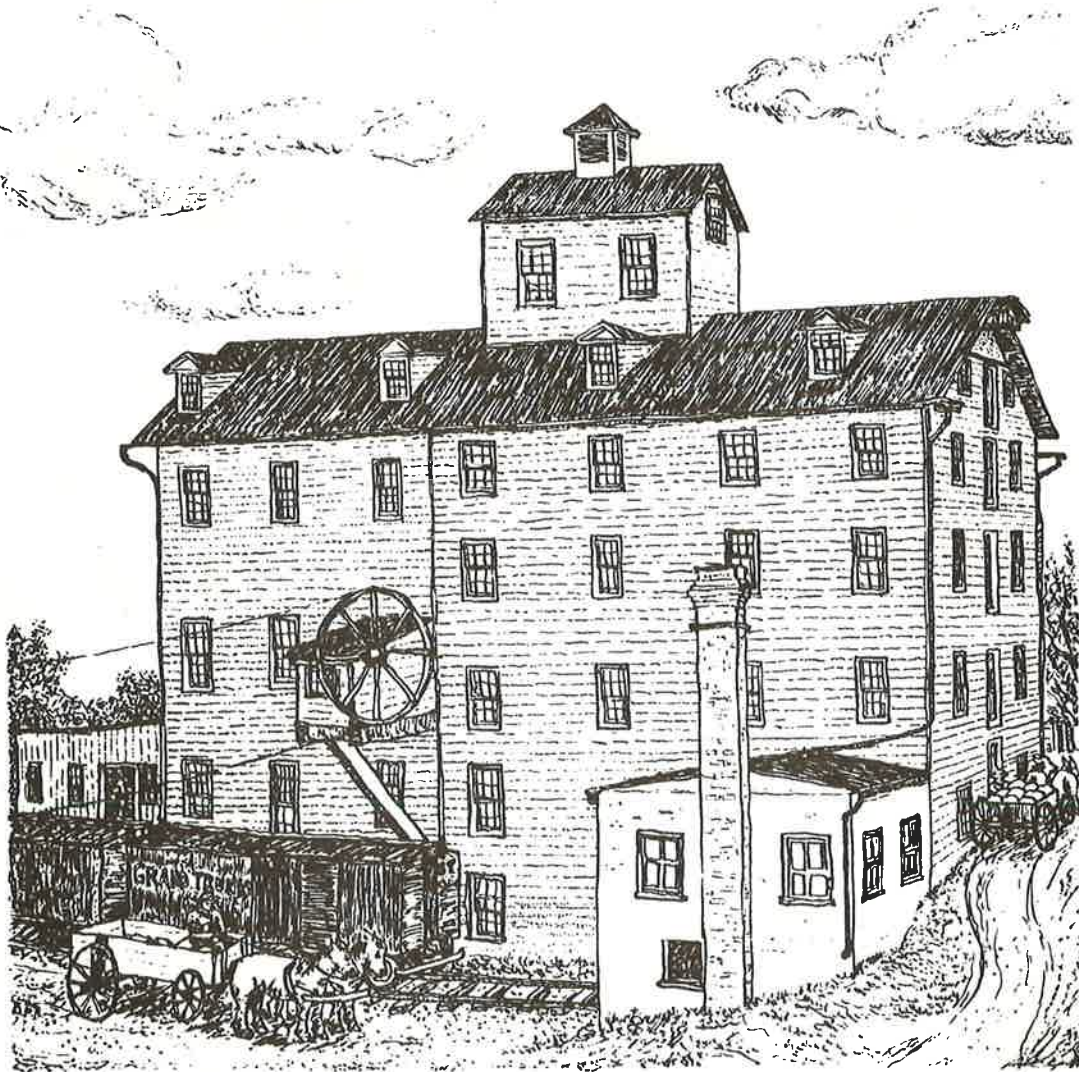
What made Michael B. leave this Amish-Mennonite centre and take his family to Sebringville, so far out of the Mennonite community? It was on the road to the settlement in Huron County, and perhaps that helped to make it attractive. Perhaps there was a better position in the mill. We have evidence, besides family memories, of Michael's presence in Sebringville and Downie Township. A County of Perth Gazetteer and General Directory was published in 1863. The part of the page containing the Sebringville entries is reproduced on the previous page.

The mills were located on the Ellice Township side of the road, and the property was owned by John Sebring. In the same Gazetteer, across the road in Downie Township (Con. I, Lot 18), one finds "Yentge, Sichae," which we suppose is "Yantzi, Michael," badly misspelled. Since his name does not appear in the registry office with any of these properties, he did not own them. We suppose he rented a house in Downie, and worked across the road in Ellice. Since he is the only miller listed, he was at least the head miller, and it may be that he had a lease arrangement -- with John Sebring, listed as "gentleman" in the Gazetteer.

Whether Michael could have made a better living here, we will never know. Many years of heavy lifting had taken its toll. He had a rupture, and in the fall of 1865 he suffered inflammation of this rupture, and died on October 8. They buried him at Sebringville. Henry and Chris Yantzi took a trip to Sebringville several years ago to see whether they could find a tombstone but were unsuccessful.

We suppose that the use of the spelling "Yantzi" is due to the family's sojourn among English-speaking people at Sebringville. This is the spelling which this family came to use, and the spelling we will now use in the stories which follow.

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The above drawing of the flour and grist mill at Bridgeport was made from a photograph taken about the turn of the century. The mill was run by water power -- the dam and water wheel were on the other side of the mill. The wheel appearing in the picture had a cable strung to another wheel in a sheaves tower (a tower with pulleys) for additional power.

The mill was established in 1830, taken over by Elias Eby and Barnabas Devitt in 1850 and purchased by Shirk & Snider in 1869. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1970.

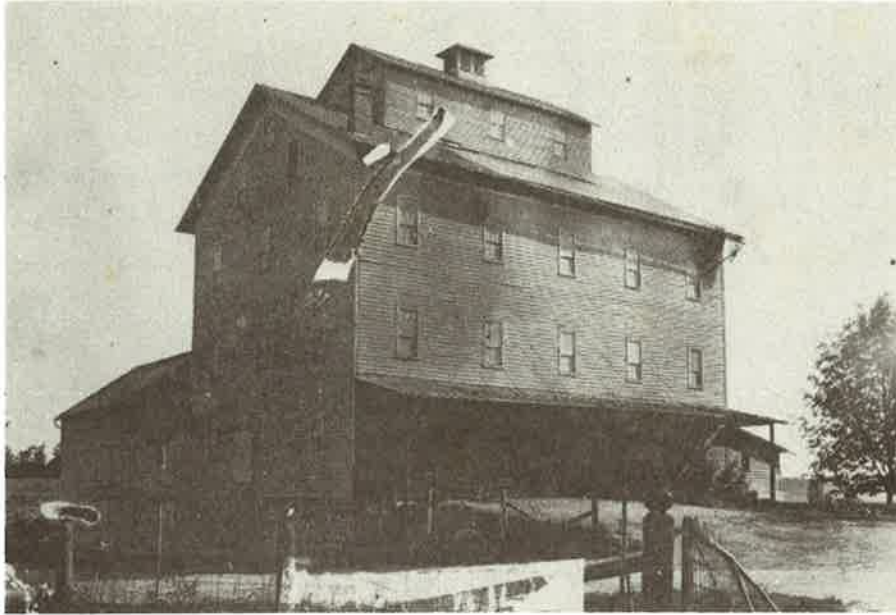
Michael B. Yantzi probably worked here from the family's arrival in Canada in 1849 to about 1854.

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The mill at the top of the next page was the mill at Baden where we assume Michael B. Yantzi was employed from 1855 to about 1862. It was established in 1855 by Jacob Beck and purchased by Shirk & Snider in 1889. The mill race ran along Foundry Street from the pond to the water wheel under the northeast corner of the mill. This photo probably also dates back to the turn of the century. It burned in 1942. The Waterloo County Supplies Co-op is now located on this site.

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The dam and mill race at the Sebringville Mill are pictured at the bottom on the next page. It was while at the mill in Sebringville that Michael B. Yantzi died in 1865.



Mill at Baden

Photo: courtesy Cora (Mrs. Peter) Bechtel

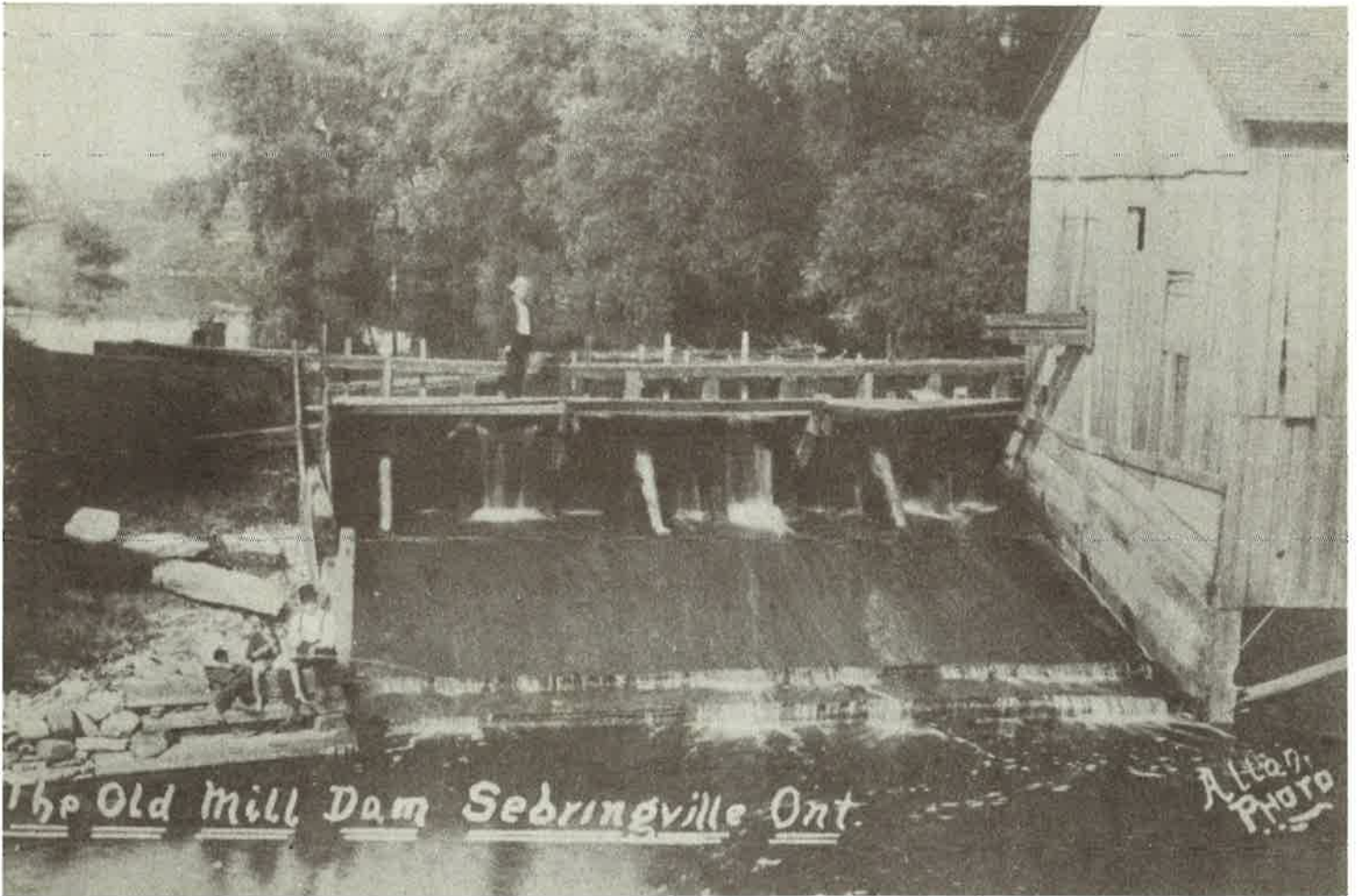
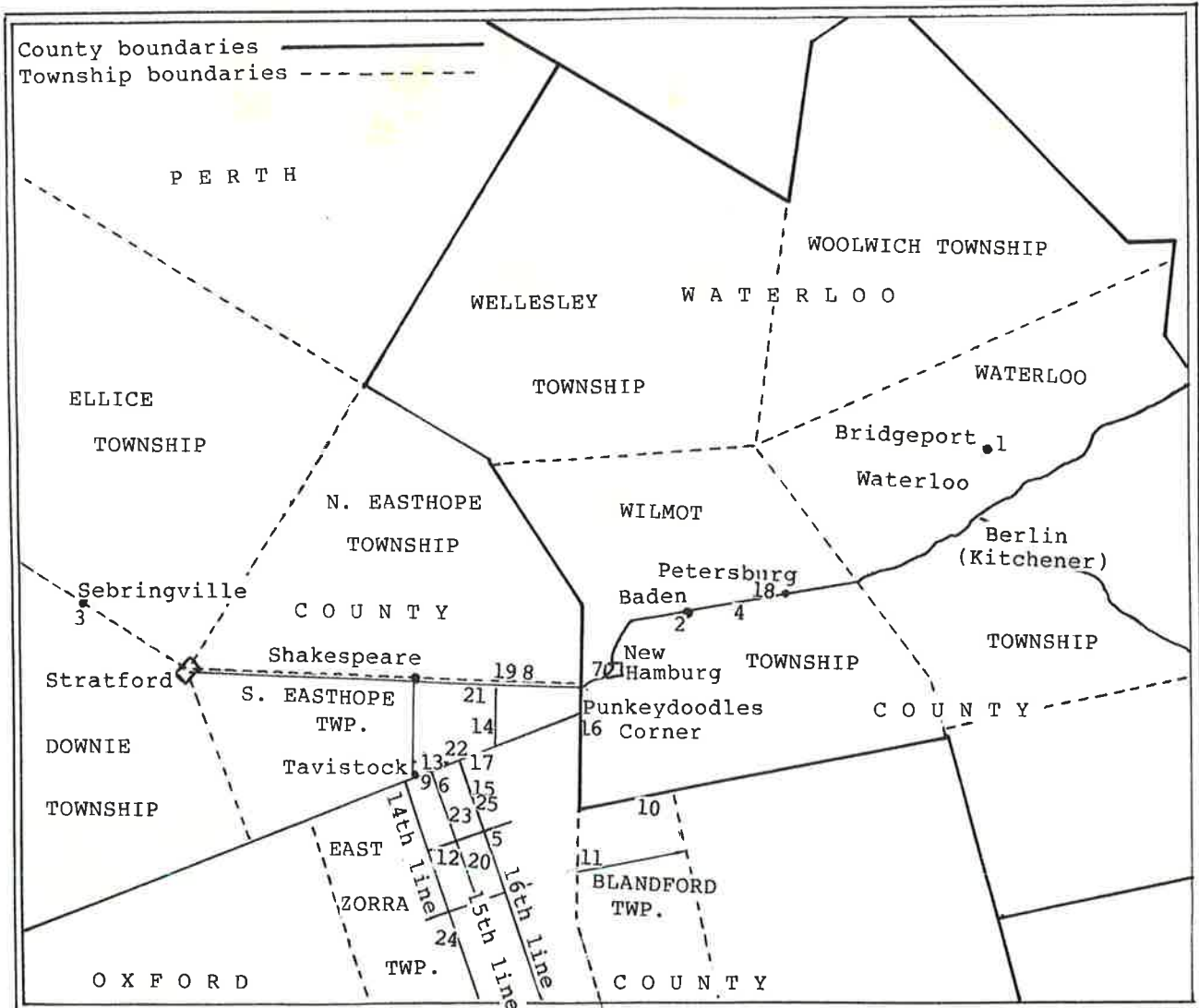


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MICHAEL B. AND JACOBENA (KENNEL) JANTZI / YANTZI FAMILY



- 1 First residence of Michael B. Yantzi family (Bridgeport)
- 2 Second residence of Michael B. Yantzi family (Baden)
- 3 Third residence of Michael B. Yantzi family (Sebringville)
- 4 Residence of Widow Jacobena Yantzi and family (Baden)
- 5 Residence of Widow Jacobena Yantzi and family (East Zorra)
- 6 First residence of Michael K. Yantzi family
- 7 Second residence of Michael K. Yantzi family
- 8 Residence of Mattie (Yantzi) and Menno R. Ropp family
- 9 Third residence of Michael K. Yantzi family (Hillcrest)
- 10 Fourth residence of Michael K. Yantzi family
- 11 Residence of Michael R. Yantzi family
- 12 Joseph K. Yantzi family residence
- 13 Elizabeth (Yantzi) and Joseph Ruby family residence (Blandford)
- 14 Daniel K. Yantzi family residence
- 15 Catherine (Yantzi) and Joel Schwartzentruber family residence
- 16 Joel Schwartzentruber Jr. family residence
- 17 Bena (Yantzi) and Solomon Streicher family residence
- 18 Annie (Yantzi) and Christian Schlegel family residence
- 19 Annie (Yantzi) and Menno B. Ropp family residence
- 20 Katie (Yantzi) and David Brenneman retirement residence
- 21 Daniel R. Yantzi family residence
- 22 Barbara (Yantzi) and Joseph Schwartzentruber family residence
- 23 Christian R. Yantzi family residence
- 24 Jacob R. Yantzi family residence
- 25 Noah R. Yantzi family residence
- 26 Joseph Yantzi family residence
- 27 Aaron Yantzi family residence
- 28 Barbara (Schwartzentruber) and Christian Leis family residence
- 29 East Zorra (Amish) Mennonite Church and Cemetery

(Some of the second generation had more than one residence. Only one is shown on this map.)

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MICHAEL B. YANTZI b. Sept/Oct 14, 1823 Valmont, Lorraine, France
 d. Nov 2, 1865 Sebringville, Ontario
 m. Oct 8, 1847 Hampont, Lorraine
 JACOBENA KENNEL b. Dec 17, 1820 Machern, Lorraine
 d. July 28, 1909 East Zorra, Ontario
 dau. of John Kennel and Elizabeth Saltzmann

FAMILY I	FAMILY II	FAMILY III	FAMILY IV	FAMILY V
MICHAEL K. YANTZI b. Aug 22, 1847 d. July 6, 1917 m. Dec 3, 1872 BARBARA RUBY b. Feb 20, 1849 d. Feb 25, 1915 (pages 15-85)	JOSEPH K. YANTZI b. May 10, 1852 d. Jun 27, 1926 1m. Feb 15, 1881 2m. Nov 10, 1891 3m. Feb 15, 1900 MARY BENDER b. Jul 19, 1861 d. Sept 3, 1889 MARY (LICHTI) KROPF b. Nov 10, 1852 d. Sept 9, 1894 ANNA (SCHWARTZEN- TRUBER) BENDER b. Feb 11, 1869 d. May 1, 1934 (pages 87-102)	ELIZABETH YANTZI b. Apr 1, 1854 d. Jan 31, 1925 m. Nov 30, 1875 JOSEPH RUBY b. Sep 30, 1853 d. Mar 28, 1937 (pages 103-132)	DANIEL K. YANTZI b. Nov 16, 1856 d. May 10, 1927 m. Jan 27, 1885 MAGDALENA BENDER b. Jun 17, 1862 d. Apr 19, 1935 (pages 133-134)	CATHARINE YANTZI b. Dec 26, 1861 d. Jul 19, 1939 m. Feb 19, 1885 JOEL SCHWARTZENTRUBER b. Jul 20, 1850 d. Jan 4, 1906 (pages 135-156)

Children who died in infancy: Barbara Yantzi, b. Jan 10, 1850; d. Jul 15, 1850
 John Yantzi, b. Apr 24, 1851; d. May 22, 1951
 Christian Yantzi, b. Apr 2, 1858; d. Jan 18, 1860

JACOBENA (KENNEL) YANTZI

After the death of Michael B. Yantzi, Jacobena (known as Bena) returned to the Amish community, first to Baden, where she is to have resided on property owned by a Geisler. His wife was a Zehr and likely related to Bena through the Kennels. Her brother John Kennel had settled in East Zorra Township. No doubt she moved to East Zorra in order to be near him.

The details of the family's sojourn are continued in the stories of her children. Until the children married, they maintained a family unit. Bena's last place of residence was with her daughter Catharine who was married to Joel Schwartzentruber. She died on July 28, 1909 and is buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery.

Several of Bena's brothers and sisters also came to Canada. An outline of the Kennel family is found in the Appendix.

"The voice of joy and health is in the dwelling of the righteous."
 Psalm 118:15

"When as a child I laughed and wept,
Time crept.
When as a youth I dreamed and talked,
Time walked.
When I was a full grown man,
Time ran.
And later as I older grew,
Time flew.
Soon I shall find, while travelling on,
Time gone.
Will Christ have saved my soul
by then?"

Inscription on a clock
in Chester Cathedral

"Doubt sees the obstacles;
Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees the darksome night;
Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take the step;
Faith soars on high.
Doubt whispers, 'who believes?'
Faith answers, 'I.'"

Author Unknown

"A gentleman is a man who can disagree without being disagreeable."
(anonymous)

"Those who live for the Lord never see each other for the last time."
German proverb

"I expect to pass through this world but once -- therefore if there be
any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do any fellow human
being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall
not pass this way again."
Marcus Aurelius

"No Christian is greater than his prayer life.

The church has many organizers, but few agonizers; many who pay,
but few who pray; many resters, but few wrestlers; many who are
enterprising, but few who are interceding. People who are not praying
are playing.

Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and
passion, and both of these are generated in the prayer closet. The
ministry of preaching is open to few. The ministry of praying is open
to every child of God.

Don't mistake action for unction, commotion for creation, and
rattles for revivals.

The secret of praying is praying in secret. A worldly Christian
will stop praying and a praying Christian will stop worldliness.

When we pray, God listens to our heartbeat. Hannah's 'lips' moved,
but her voice was not heard (I Sam. 1:12,13). When we pray in the
Spirit, there are groanings which cannot be uttered (Rom. 8:26).

Tithes may build a church, but tears will give it life. That is
the difference between the modern church and the early church. Our
emphasis is on paying, theirs was on praying. When we have paid, the
place is taken. When they had prayed, the place was shaken (Acts
4:31).

In the matter of effective praying, never have so many left so much
to so few. Brethren, let us pray." Author unknown
(distributed by The Evangelical Alliance Mission, Regina, Sask.)



I

Michael K. Yantzi

and

Barbara Ruby

Family

FAMILY I
MICHAEL K. AND BARBARA (RUBY) YANTZI

Michael K. Yantzi was born on August 22, 1847 in the village of Hampont, Lorraine, France. His parents were Michael B. Yantzi (sometimes referred to as Michael Jantzi IV) and Jacobena Kennel. Michael was two years old when the ship on which his parents, grandmother and uncles and aunts docked in New York on September 17, 1849. On the same ship was a young man by the name of Samuel Nafziger. Samuel used to tell his children and grandchildren that he carried young Michael around on the ship. Bishop Nicholas Nafziger, son of Samuel, told Henry Yantzi, grandson of Michael K., the story. Since Samuel's name was listed right after Michael's, perhaps Samuel was holding him while the secretary wrote his name on the list.

When the family first arrived in Canada, Michael's father found work in one of the mills at Bridgeport (then called Lancaster). Michael was listed as five years old in the 1851 census. In the 1861 census the family was in Baden where Michael K.'s father was probably working in the mill of Jacob Beck. Michael was then 15 years old.

Barbara Schwartzentruber Leis recalled the following stories about Michael while they lived in Baden. When he was about 12 years old he would start out by foot with a little bundle of clothes and walk to the farm of Claus Roth (Nicholas L. Roth) on the 15th line (Lot 28, Con. XIV). Some people will remember when Laverne Zehr lived there. He did not get to see his folks for the next eight weeks.

Other jobs while living in Baden included working for John Gascho, who later became the bishop of the Wilmot Amish Mennonite Congregation. He also hauled wood to the railway station in Baden. The train engines were fueled with wood at that time, and they would refuel at the different stations. The station at Baden needed a hundred cords of wood a winter.

When the family moved to Sebringville where Michael K.'s father was engaged in the flour and grist mill, Michael must have accompanied the family, because grandson Aaron Yantzi recalls the story that Michael hauled wood to the railway station in Seaforth -- 100 cords in November and another 100 by the new year.

When Michael was 18, his father died, placing the support of his mother and brothers and sisters on his young shoulders. Family members remember that the Yantzi family went back to Baden,

renting a farm at the Sand Hills. According to Barbara Leis the farm belonged to a Geisler whose wife had some connection to the Yantzi family. In the 1871 census the family was living in East Zorra. According to family recollections, this was across from the Lutheran church at the corner of the 16th line. Some will remember it as the John Ruby farm.

In 1872 Michael K. married Barbara Ruby, daughter of Bishop Joseph Ruby. Joseph Ruby had some land in East Zorra Township, across the road and one farm west from his own farm in South Eashope. It is to this farm that Michael and Barbara moved some time after their marriage, and where Aaron thinks all the children were born. Eleven children were born between 1873 and 1892. The second oldest, Joseph, died at age 15. This was later the David Ropp farm. It is also thought they lived for a time in South Easthope Township, where Arthur Baechler later lived.

Michael K. was ordained a deacon in the East Zorra Amish Mennonite Church in 1883, the same year the meetinghouse was built. Until that time, all Amish Mennonites in Ontario were still having the worship services in their homes. In 1902 he was ordained to the ministry, and in 1914 as bishop, replacing his brother-in-law Jacob M. Bender. Although Michael was not a bishop very long, because he died in 1917, it was at a time when people thought that some of the old ways didn't matter. Michael felt that if changes are made and, if in the end it does matter, then it will be too late.

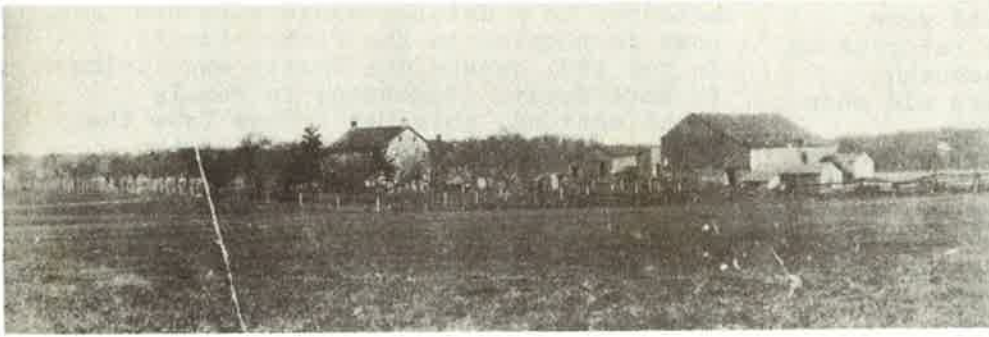
In 1897 Michael and Barbara moved to Wilmot -- on the farm on which the Hillcrest church stands. Michael and Barbara's last place of residence was in North Easthope (Lot 6, Con. I), on the 7 & 8 highway. It is here that the grandchildren remember their grandparents. His son Michael continued to farm here.

Barbara Schlegel Zehr has shared quite a few stories that she remembers of her grandparents. They had a furnace in the house, and Barbara and her sister Edna remember Grandma Yantzi sitting in the living room by the furnace, knitting or mending. Quite often she was sick in bed with rheumatism. They had taken a couple from the States to visit in Wellesley and slept in a very cold bed, and after that she had rheumatism.

Michael K. Yantzi's sister Elizabeth married Joseph Ruby Jr., brother to Barbara (Ruby) Yantzi. Joseph and

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The Yantzi Homestead
(taken from the side road)



Michael K. Yantzi bought the
farm from Witmers in 1904
l-r: Mr. Witmer, Jacob Yantzi,
Mr. Kleinknecht (a neighbour),
Noah Yantzi



Michael R. Yantzi purchased
the farm in 1917
Michael with granddaughter,
LeEtta Yantzi (Erb)

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Elizabeth moved to Colorado. Barbara Zehr remembers that when Grandmother was still living, and Aunt Catherine was still at home (she later married David Brenneman), and they had a letter from the daughter in Colorado, they would cry because of the bad news in the letter of the hard times they were having in Colorado.

Barbara's family always went to Grandma and Grandpa's house on the day after Christmas, and they always had smoked sausage and ribs for dinner. There was a package for each of the grandchildren with nuts and candy and some small gift, like a long veil to tie around the forehead and the neck in the winter when it was cold, or mitts, or hankies. At Easter time each of the grandchildren would receive two hard boiled eggs, one coloured black, the other one brown (dyed with onion peelings).

Barbara remembers when, as a bishop, Grandpa made a confession in church. He had borrowed some money from a brother in the church, and because of the distance they lived apart, he put the interest money in an envelop and handed it to the brother in church on Sunday morning. Some people who became aware of this, found fault with this procedure; so Michael knelt down beside the pulpit and asked for forgiveness. She also remembers a story he used to tell of a man who was hard to get along with. Another man said he would get along with him by "heaping coals of fire on his head." Others doubted that this would work. However, he was always good to him, and very kind, and he did indeed get along with him.

As a little girl, seven or eight years old, Barbara had diphtheria, and she and her mother were quarantined in the bedroom for quite a long time. Her grandfather used to come outside the window, and her mother would open it, and her grandfather would pray for her. Her youngest brother Ezra slipped into the bedroom one time and did get a touch of diphtheria but not as serious.

Henry Yantzi remembers his grandfather's place at the table and in church behind the pulpit.

Granddaughter Magdalena Streicher Stere remembers Grandfather Yantzi on the back porch with a small scissors trimming his beard. She also remembers one time when they were butchering pigs -- a yearly routine -- one of the grandsons, Davey Ropp, fell into the pigpail, which was kept for vegetable peelings and other food garbage to feed to the pigs.

Magdalena also remembers playing riding in a carriage or sleigh with some of her younger cousins. They would sit on the couch with chairs in front of them and strings attached to them for lines. They had great fun upsetting and falling into the imaginary dirt or snow.

When they went to visit, the grandchildren always kissed their grandparents. However, Edna remembers hesitating, because she didn't like the touch of Grandpa's beard.

Michael K. made a will on May 16, 1913. After the usual preliminary statements it read:

"I GIVE to my dear wife, Barbara, the use of my estate, real and personal, during the term of her natural life, and direct that she shall carry on my business at farming; and further direct that any profits she may make shall be applied annually in payment of mortgages upon my real estate.

UPON the death of my said Wife, my estate, real and personal shall be sold at such time or times and in such manner as my Executors may deem best, and the proceeds thereof divided equally among all my children."

Barbara died on February 25, 1915, but Michael, it seems, did not revise his will. The second paragraph, of course, was still valid. He had appointed his sons Daniel, Christian and Michael as executors.

Michael died on July 2, 1917 in his 70th year. On the day of his funeral there was heavy rain and thunder. Some people from Wellesley who attended the funeral, drove into a culvert on the way home with horse and buggy and fell out. Both are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery.

The executors made an inventory list as follows:

Household Goods and Furniture	200.00
Farming Implements, etc.	500.00
Horses	800.00
Horned Cattle	1000.00
Sheep and Swine	200.00
Book Debts and Promissory Notes	180.00
Cash	25.00
Farm Produce of all kinds	25.00
Personal Property	8700.00
	<u>\$ 11,630.00</u>

Signed by the executors as follows:
Daniel R Yantzie
Christian R Yantzi
Micheal Yantzi

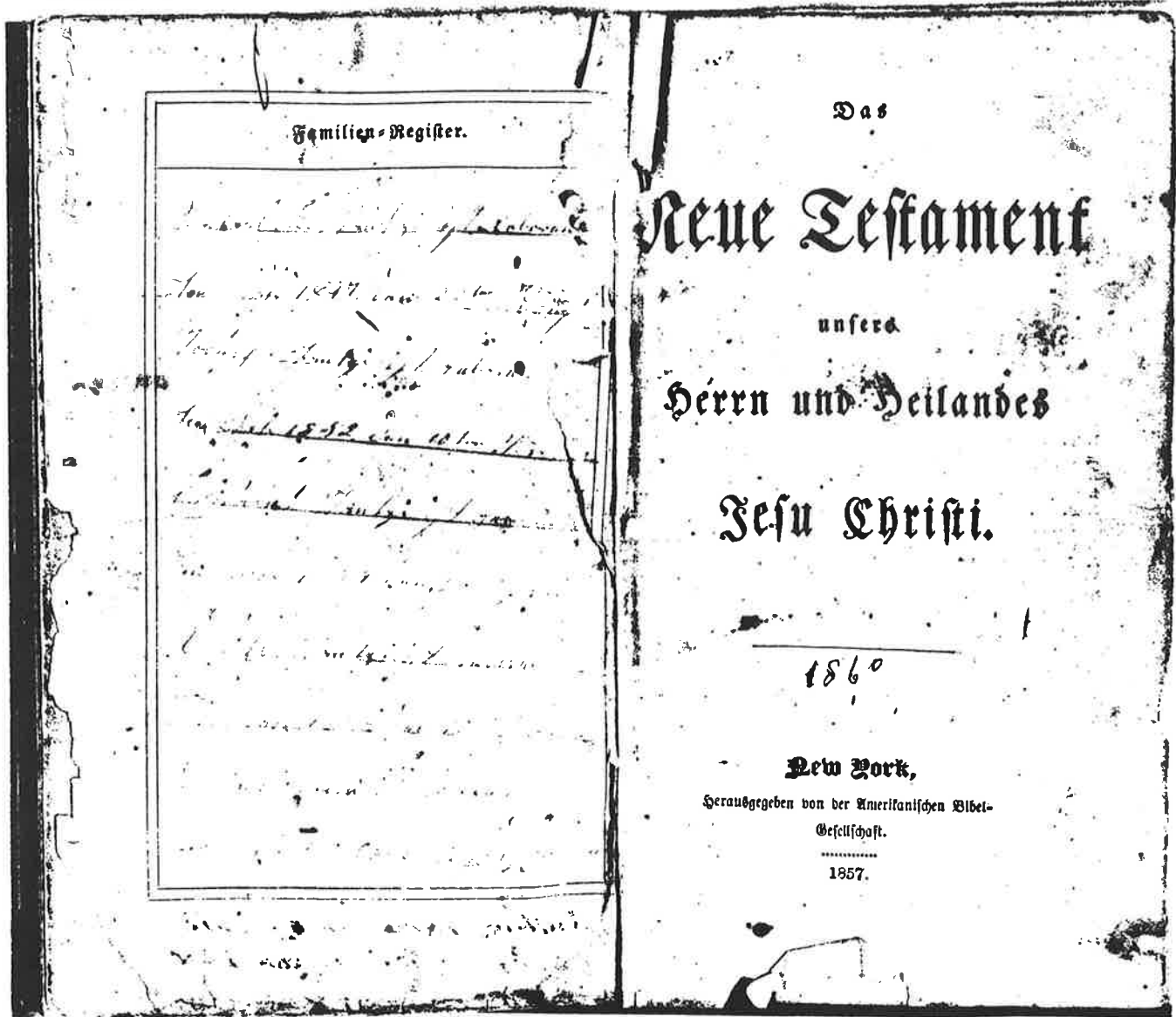
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Barbara Ruby, who became the wife of Michael K. Yantzi, made a linen towel, which was hung on a door. Generally they were made for display rather than use. That is why so many of them have been preserved. Now they are called "show towels." The date 1867 is at the top. The words under the cross-stitched flowers are: "Das Gras Ist Grin Die Ros Ist Roth Hier Sted Mein Namen Noch Mein Tod Barbara Ruby" (The grass is green the rose is red Here stands my name after my death Barbara Ruby)

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MICHAEL K. YANTZI'S NEW TESTAMENT



Family Register

Title Page

Translation:

Michael K. Yantzi was born
in the year 1847, August 22

Joseph Yantzi was born in the
year 1852, March 10th

Elisabeth Yantzi was born
in the year 1854, April 1

Daniel Yantzi was born in the
year 1856, November 16th

Catarina Yantzi was born in
the year 1860, December 26th

The following verse appears on the
inside of the front cover:

"Dieses Buch gehert
mir Michael Yantzi
und ist mir lieb
und wers mir stiehlt
Der ist ein Dieb,
und wer mirs wider bringt
der ist ein Gotteskind"
Michael Yantzi
in Baden 1866

Translation:

This book belongs
to me, Michael Yantzi,
and is dear to me,
and whoever steals it
he is a thief,
and he who brings it to me again
he is a child of God.
Michael Yantzi
Baden 1866

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Translation of a second page of
Family Register:

Barbara Yantzi was born in the year 1850
the 10th January; later died the 15th
of July, was 6 months and three days old

Father Michael B. Yantzi died
in the year 1865, November 2

Johannes Yantzi was born in the year 1851
on April 24; later died on the 22nd of
May; was 28 days old

Mother died the 28th of July 1909
88 years 7months 9 days

Christian Yantzi was born in the year 1858
the 2nd of April; later died in the year
1860, the 18th of January; was 1 year
9 months 11 days old

Notice that these family records are those of Michael K. Yantzi's parents
and their children rather than his own family.



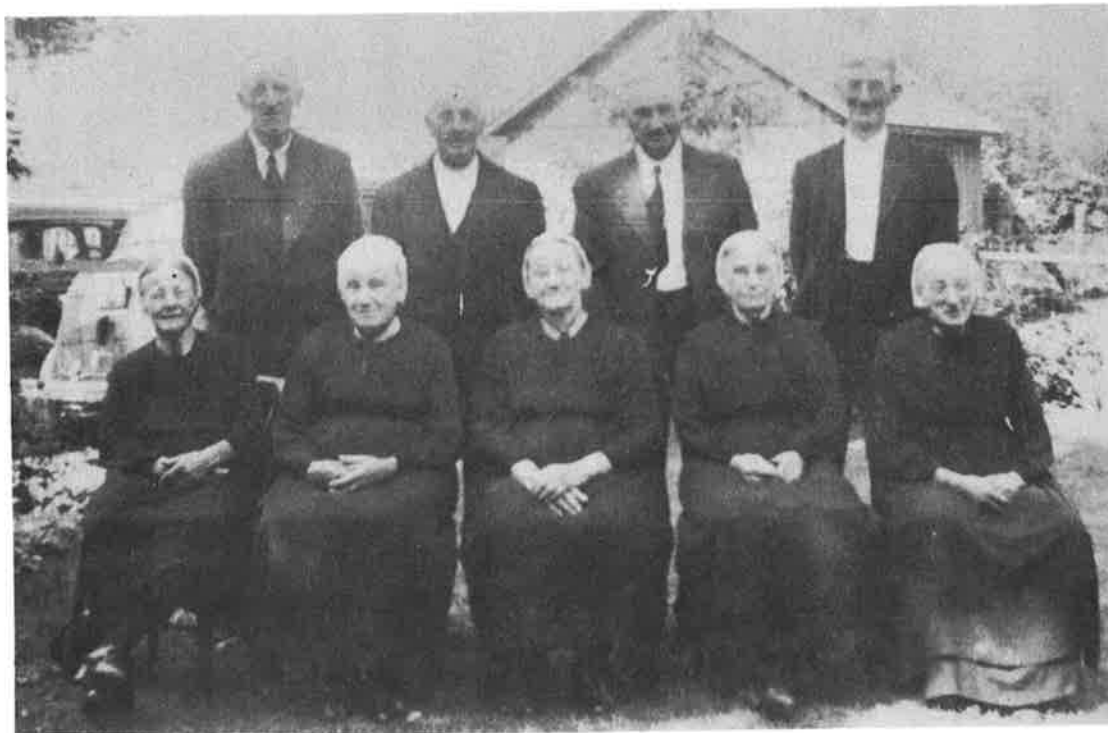
At the day of the family sale,
they prepared lunch bags on
this table which son Michael
then bought. Granddaughter
Nelda Yantzie Kropf had it
refinished and has it in her
recreation room. The rocking
chair was Grandmother's
favourite.

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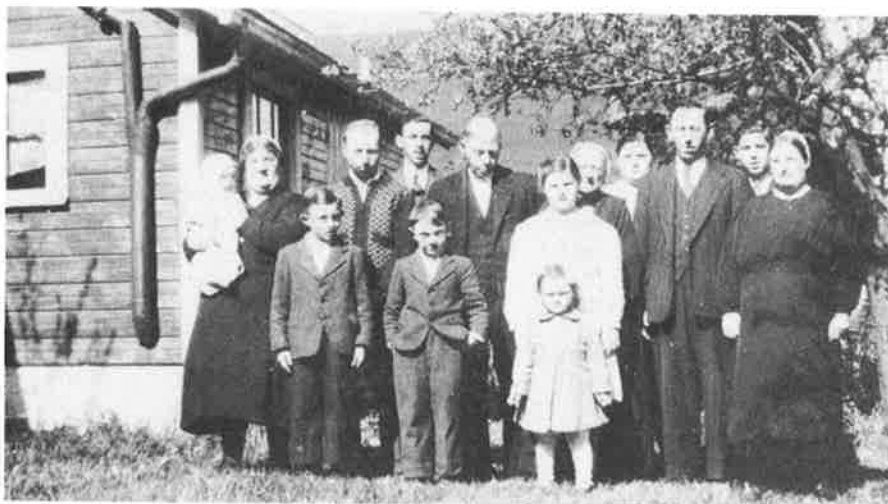
The Michael K. Yantzi family, probably taken in the 1940s
Back, l-r: Noah, Jacob, Michael, Christian (Daniel had died in 1929)
Front: Barbara (Schwartzentruber), Katie (Brenneman), Annie (Ropp)
Bena (Streicher), Mattie (Ropp)

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MICHAEL K. AND BARBARA (RUBY) YANTZI

	BORN	DIED
Michael K. Yantzi (farmer, bishop) (1st generation) m. Dec 3, 1872 in East Zorra Twp. to Barbara Ruby, dau. of Joseph & Magdalena (Roth) Ruby Amish Mennonite Wilmot and East Zorra Twp.	Aug 22, 1847 Hampton, FR Feb 20, 1849 SEasthopeTwp.	July 6, 1917 E.Z.Menn.Cem Feb 25, 1915 E.Z. Menn. Cemetery
(2nd generation)		
I. Magdalena Yantzi m. Nov 16, 1897 to Menno R. Ropp	Nov 14, 1873 Sept 7, 1875	Dec 24, 1958 Jul 31, 1963
II. Joseph Yantzi	Apr 1875	Jun 22, 1890
III. Jacobena Yantzi m. Nov 5, 1901 to Solomon Streicher	Jan 14, 1877 Jan 23, 1877	Mar 4, 1962 Jun 18, 1964
IV. Annie Yantzi m. Sept 27, 1901 to Christian Schlegel 2m. Dec 1, 1914 to Menno B. Ropp	Oct 9, 1878 May 12, 1872 Apr 4, 1889	Aug 3, 1963 Dec 26, 1908 Nov 12, 1953
V. Catherine Yantzi m. Nov 20, 1917 to David L. Brenneman	Jun 20, 1880 Nov 7, 1966	Jul 16, 1961 Dec 8, 1955
VI. Daniel R. Yantzi m. Nov 16, 1905 to Catherine Schlegel	Aug 4, 1882 Jun 28, 1874	July 2, 1929 Apr 14, 1956
VII. Barbara Yantzi m. Jan 3, 1918 to Joseph Schwartzentruber	Mar 31, 1884 Nov 21, 1884	Nov 26, 1959 Apr 18, 1961
VIII. Christian R. Yantzi m. Sept 21, 1911 to Nancy Bender	Feb 16, 1886 Oct 31, 1889	Apr 6, 1968 Oct 10, 1972
IX. Michael R. Yantzi m. Jan 16, 1913 to Nancy Jutzi	Mar 13, 1888 Aug 13, 1891	Aug 17, 1958 Aug 13, 1978
X. Jacob R. Yantzi m. Dec 6, 1917 to Mary Iutzi	Oct 19, 1890 Nov 6, 1894	Oct 30, 1975
XI. Noah R. Yantzi m. Dec 17, 1925 to Lena Zehr	Nov 15, 1892 Jan 27, 1903	Jun 15, 1971 May 26, 1966



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Menno R. and Mattie (Yantzi) Ropp

The Menno and Mattie Ropp Family
Fannie with Edith, Lloyd, David, Stanley, Roy,
Menno, Mary, Barbara (Rohfrietsch) (in front)
Mattie, Hilda (Kropf), Michael, Emerson,
Barbara (taken about 1946)

	BORN	DIED
I. Magdalena (Mattie) Yantzi m. Nov 16, 1897 to Menno R. Ropp (farmer) son of Amish Mennonite Peter R. & Anna (Rupp) Ropp East Zorra Twp. Children: A. Michael B. Eli C. David (3rd generation)	Nov 14, 1873 Sept 7, 1875	Dec 24, 1958 Jul 31, 1963 E.Z. Menn. Cemetery
A. Michael Ropp (farmer) m. Oct 13, 1921 to Barbara Zehr, dau. of Peter Y. Mennonite & Barbara (Brenneman) Zehr R.1, Tavistock, Ont. Children: 1. Henry 2. Stanley 3. Hilda 4. Emerson 5. Mary (4th generation)	June 1, 1899 Jun 20, 1898	Dec 1, 1985 Nov 8, 1985 E.Z. Menn. Cemetery
1. Henry Ropp	Jan 2, 1924	Jul 18, 1937 E.Z.Menn.Cem
2. Stanley Ropp m. Sept 19, 1946 to Leona Maryann Roth dau. of Solomon & Amelia (Erb) Roth 2m. Nov 16, 1973 to Mary Elizabeth Schultz dau. of Mahlon & Elizabeth (Lichti) Schultz Mennonite 156 Woodstock St. N., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO Children: a. Rosemary b. Carol c. Marlene d. Willard (5th generation)	Mar 10, 1925 Dec 16, 1922 June 1, 1933	Jul 17, 1973 E.Z.Menn.Cem
a. Rosemary Ferne Ropp (office clerk) m. May 18, 1968 to Warren William Stein (farmer) son of Werner & Olive (Corp) Stein United R.2, Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO (1) Karen Louise Stein (6th generation) (2) Kristene Hilda Stein	Dec 8, 1947 Jan 27, 1942	Jul 28, 1969 Jun 30, 1973
b. Carol Mary Ann Ropp m. Sept 18, 1971 to Owen Wilson Cook (farmer) son of Stanley & Alice (Green) Mennonite Cook R.1, Plattsville, Ont. NOJ ISO	May 9, 1950 May 13, 1944	

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	BORN	DIED
(1) Marvin Owen Cook (6th generation)	Mar 1, 1973	
(2) Juanita Carol Cook	Oct 29, 1974	
(3) Kathryn Patricia Cook	Mar 21, 1980	
(4) Brian Stanley Cook	Oct 9, 1982	
c. Marlene Esther Ropp	Mar 18, 1954	
m. June 21, 1975 to Wilfred John Yantzi (mechanic) son of William & Vera (Schultz) Mennonite Yantzi Poole, Ont. NOK 1SO	Dec 5, 1952	
(1) Rochelle Marlene Yantzi (6th gen.)	Mar 2, 1978	
(2) Jason Wilfred Yantzi	Aug 29, 1981	
(3) Renee Dawn Yantzi	Aug 29, 1986	
d. Willard James Stanley Ropp (Farmer)	Jan 3, 1959	
m. July 16, 1983 to Mary Dianne Donkers (bank teller) dau. of Henery & Annie Catholic (Klunder) Donkers R.2, Bluevale, Ont. NOG 1GO	Oct 10, 1959	
(1) Tina Leona Ropp (6th generation)	June 1, 1986	
(2) Steven Henery Ropp	Apr 7, 1988	
3. Hilda Ropp	Aug 1, 1928	
m. June 10, 1953 to Floyd John Kropf (farmer) Mennonite son of Joseph & Bena (Bender) Kropf 126 Janelle Dr., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO Children: a. Roger b. Sanford c. Charlene d. Walter e. Martha (5th generation)	Jul 23, 1925	
"Everyday look at a beautiful picture, read a beautiful poem listen to beautiful music and meditate on the Creator without whom none of these things would exist" (author unknown)		
a. Roger Michael Kropf (electrician)	Sep 13, 1954	
m. May 2, 1987 to Helen Rose Opyc Mennonite 21 Victoria St., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO	Sept 1, 1957	
(1) Nicholas John Kropf (6th generation)	Oct 30, 1980	
b. Sanford Floyd Kropf (self-employed)	Feb 24, 1956	
m. July 19, 1980 to Donna Lynn Phillips (pre-school teacher) dau. of Dow & Marilyn Mennonite (Good) Phillips 51 Queen St., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO	May 28, 1960	
(1) Krista Marilyn Kropf (6th generation)	Jun 18, 1982	
(2) Cheri-Lynn Kropf	Jul 24, 1985	
(3) Philip Michael Kropf	June 5, 1987	
c. Charlene Mary Kropf (receptionist)	Apr 17, 1958	
m. May 5, 1979 to Bruce Elmer Kropf (brick- layer) son of Elmer & Eileen (Steckly) Mennonite Kropf R.4, Stratford, Ont. N5A 6S5	Mar 25, 1956	
"Live each day as if it was your last." (author unknown)		
(1) Jennifer Eileen Hilda Kropf (6th gen.)	May 17, 1982	
(2) Darren Bruce Kropf	Mar 29, 1985	

FAMILY I
MICHAEL K. AND BARBARA (RUBY) YANTZI

- | | BORN | DIED |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| d. Walter John Kropf (dairy farmer) | Sep 10, 1960 | |
| m. Aug 27, 1983 to Valerie Jane Eckstein | Oct 21, 1962 | |
| dau. of Waldron & Doreen (Bell) Eckstein | | |
| Missionary Church | | |
| R.6, Woodstock, Ont. N4S 7W1 | | |
| (1) Travis Johnathan Kropf (6th generation) | Oct 16, 1985 | |
| (2) Melissa Jane Kropf | Nov 17, 1987 | |
| e. Martha Susan Kropf (accountant) | Dec 22, 1964 | |
| Mennonite | | |
| 75C Brubacher St., Kitchener, Ont. | | |
| 4. Emerson Ropp (farmer) | Mar 19, 1931 | |
| m. June 15, 1955 to Edna Poole, dau. of | June 8, 1934 | |
| Mennonite William & Fanny (Zehr) Poole | | |
| R.1, Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO | | |
| Children: a. Gloria b. Dale (5th generation) | | |
| "It's much better to count your blessings than to count your complaints." (anonymous) | | |
| a. Gloria Nancy Ropp | Oct 8, 1959 | |
| m. Sept 23, 1978 to Mervin Arnold Ropp | May 9, 1955 | |
| (mechanic) son of Alfred & Verna | | |
| Mennonite (Gingerich) Ropp | | |
| 53 Jacob St., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO | | |
| "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28 (NIV) | | |
| (1) Janna Lynn Ropp (6th generation) | Mar 1, 1984 | |
| (2) Ryan William Ropp | Sep 22, 1985 | |
| b. Dale Michael Ropp (student-agricultural college) | June 4, 1970 | |
| 5. Mary Ropp (ward aide-Stratford General Mennonite Hospital) | Dec 23, 1935 | |
| 271 Dufferin St., Stratford, Ont. N5A 2H3 | | |
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| B. Eli Ropp | Sept 6, 1908 | Oct 3, 1908 |
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| C. David Ropp (farmer) | May 23, 1911 | Oct 13, 1980 |
| m. Dec 20, 1934 to Fannie Gascho, dau. of David | Jul 11, 1907 | |
| Mennonite & Barbara (Lichti) Gascho | | |
| Tavistock, Ont.; Fannie: Maples Home for Seniors | | E.Z. Menn. Cemetery |
| Children: 1. Lloyd 2. Roy 3. Barbara 4. Edith (4th gen.) | | |
| "Tomorrow's grace is not ours today,
Nor from it may we borrow;
But plenteous is His bountiful store
As we face each new tomorrow." Genevieve Weaver | | |
| 1. Lloyd David Ropp (farmer) | Aug 23, 1936 | |
| m. May 30, 1959 to Loreen Elizabeth Zehr, dau. of Daniel & Edna (Schweitzer) Zehr | Jun 18, 1939 | |
| Mennonite of Daniel & Edna (Schweitzer) Zehr | | |
| 111 Janelle Dr., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO | | |
| Children: a. Dennis b. Brian c. Karen (5th generation) | | |
| "Only one life, 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last." (author unknown) | | |

FAMILY I
MICHAEL K. AND BARBARA (RUBY) YANTZI

- | | BORN | DIED |
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| a. Dennis Lloyd Ropp (farmer) | Oct 25, 1962 | |
| m. Aug 3, 1985 to Heather Janine McLaughlin
(business owner) dau. of Wallace & Phyllis
Mennonite (Costyk) McLaughlin
R.2, Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO | Sep 18, 1966 | |
| b. Brian David Ropp | Dec 10, 1964 | Jul 20, 1976 |
| c. Karen Diane Ropp | May 3, 1969 | |
| 2. Roy Menno Ropp | May 10, 1938 | |
| m. Apr 5, 1958 to Norma Ropp, dau. of
Mennonite Christian K. & Mary (Ropp) Ropp
165 Lightbourne Ave., Stratford, Ont.
Children: a. Janice b. Brenda c. Sandra d. Donna
e. Gerald f. Amanda (5th generation) | Jun 27, 1935 | |
| a. Janice Elizabeth Ropp (residential
Mennonite counselor)
1063 Canfield Cres., Woodstock, Ont. | May 17, 1958 | |
| b. Brenda Pauline Ropp | Aug 29, 1959 | |
| m. May 29, 1982 to Frank Sinko (police)
son of Anton & Elizabeth (Glosnek) Sinko
Catholic
24 Quinte Cres., Kitchener, Ont. | Apr 24, 1961 | |
| (1) Jeffrey Frank Sinko (6th generation) | Sept 9, 1983 | |
| (2) Derek Mark Sinko | Jan 15, 1987 | |
| (3) Bradley Justin Sinko | Nov 25, 1988 | |
| c. Sandra Diane Ropp (data entry clerk) | May 14, 1962 | |
| m. July 12, 1980 to John Edward Trachsel
(builder specialist) son of Edward & Jean
Roman Catholic (Hrysko) Trachsel
135 Graham Cres., Stratford, Ont. | Oct 3, 1960 | |
| (1) Matthew John Trachsel (6th generation) | Jul 22, 1983 | |
| (2) Ashley Brooke Trachsel | Oct 11, 1985 | |
| (3) Abby Nicole Trachsel | May 29, 1989 | |
| d. Donna Joy Ropp (assembler) | Nov 10, 1963 | |
| m. July 11, 1987 to Lyle James Doering
(carpenter) son of Laverne & Ruby (Cossey)
Lutheran Doering
R.3, Monkton, Ont. NOK 1PO | Jan 1, 1960 | |
| (1) Courtney Joy Doering (6th generation) | Feb 26, 1989 | |
| e. Gerald Wayne Ropp | Aug 25, 1969 | |
| f. Amanda Lynn Ropp | Feb 15, 1979 | |
| 3. Barbara Magdalena Ropp (weaver) | Mar 5, 1942 | |
| m. Apr 13, 1985 to Carl Franklin Rohfrietsch
(farmer) son of Harold & Martha (Nowack)
Lutheran Rohfrietsch
R.5, Stratford, Ont. N5A 6S6 | May 11, 1945 | |
| 4. Edith Marie Ropp (seamstress) | Nov 3, 1944 | |
| Mennonite
251 Dufferin St., Stratford, Ont. N5A 2H3 | | |

FAMILY I
MICHAEL K. AND BARBARA (RUBY) YANTZI

II. Joseph Yantzi

	BORN	DIED
Apr	1875	Jun 22, 1890
		E.Z. Menn. Cemetery

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Solomon and Bena (Yantzi) Streicher family: Magdalena (Stere), Elmer, Barbara (Schwartzentruber)



Aaron and Magdalena (Streicher) Stere Elmer and Mabel Streicher, David and Barbara (Streicher) Schwartzentruber

- III. Jacobena (Bena) Yantzi Jan 14, 1877 Mar 4, 1962
 m. Nov 5, 1901 to Solomon Streicher (farmer) Jan 23, 1877 Jun 18, 1964
 son of John & Magdalena (Bender) Streicher E.Z. Menn.
 Amish Mennonite Cemetery
 Tavistock, Ont.
 Children: A. Barbara B. Magdalena C. Elmer (3rd gen.)
- A. Barbara Streicher Aug 4, 1903 Oct 15, 1985
 m. Sept 4, 1923 to David Schwartzentruber (pastor Oct 24, 1897 Dec 11, 1982
 farmer) son of John & Barbara (Brenneman) E.Z. Menn.
 (with M.C.C. in Poland after World War II) Cemetery
 Mennonite
 Tavistock, Ont.
 Children: 1. Harold 2. Glenn 3. Earl 4 Betty (4th gen.)
1. Harold John Schwartzentruber Oct 5, 1924
 m. Nov 14, 1946 to Isabel Jean Ruby (librarian) Mar 23, 1927
 dau. of Clayton & Christena (Sommers) Ruby
 Tavistock Mennonite
 302-189 Woodstock St., Tavistock, Ont. NOB 2RO
 Children: a. Terrence b. Dale c. Paul (5th generation)
- a. Terrence Wayne Schwartzentruber May 19, 1948 Oct 4, 1967
- b. Dale David Schwartzentruber (ambulance att.) Jan 15, 1951
 m. Sept 1, 1973 to Charlene Elizabeth Avey Jun 20, 1951
 (hospital ward clerk) dau. of Douglas
 Tavistock Mennonite & Marion (Green) Avey
 67 Barb Cres., Stratford, Ont.
- (1) Nathan Terrence Schwartzentruber Jun 13, 1977
 (6th generation)
- c. Paul James Schwartzentruber (cement mfg.) Apr 20, 1956
 m. May 22, 1976 to Marilyn Gail Tayler May 11, 1955
 (R.N.A.-People Care)
 dau. of Francis & Ruth (Weisman) Taylor
 Tavistock Mennonite/Anglican
 Elgin St., Embro, Ont. NOJ 1JO